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Letter from the President:

Finish this sentence.

Birding is _____.

I bet the answers are vastly different.

I've heard Kimberly Kaufman, executive director of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, simply describe birding as love. While I wouldn't unequivocally equate the two, there are more than a few things that I love about birding – the beauty and wonderment of the birds themselves and the tranquility of immersing oneself in nature immediately come to mind.

But, what about the challenges birding presents?

IOS member, Greg Neise, likes to say, "Birding is hard." If you don't think so, try identifying a silent Empidonax flycatcher on fall migration even when it's right in front of you. Or, take the Chautauqua shorebird "death march" sometime in the 90 degree heat of summer, a lengthy hike on an often muddy cross dike with no shelter from the elements. I'd say birding is hard.

For me, birding is a giant puzzle with an infinite number of pieces. It's no secret that birding appeals to the same part of my brain as crosswords and genealogical research. Think about all the thoughts that go through your mind in just a nanosecond when you're trying to put a bird identification puzzle together. What bird is this? What does it look like? Where is it? How is it acting? What time of year is it? Your brain is on overdrive during this process, rapidly assembling all the pieces. Once it all comes together, you quickly put a name to the puzzle. Small bird flitting in the tree tops, black and white wings, pale orange throat, September…"First fall Blackburnian Warbler!" Now, multiple that by nearly every individual bird you see and you quickly establish a sense of accomplishment.

When you combine joy with a sense of accomplishment, in my mind, you have a match made in heaven, the perfect pastime - birding

Matthew Cvetas

Letter from the Editor …

What birds can tell us

Just days before a huge fall/winter snow storm was predicted, 20,000 to 30,000 Sandhill Cranes flew over the Chicago area, including several thousand right over my Lake County, Illinois home. They gave their telltale chortling calls, with an occasional high-pitched squeak from immature cranes on their first migratory flight.

I ran outside and took a video of the cranes – especially to capture that magical sound – and realized I was happier and giddier than I'd been in a while. It was anecdotal evidence that humans need nature and outdoor time to feel whole, and also a reminder of what matters in life.

Were these cranes signaling to us that a big storm was headed our way to be followed by very cold temperatures? That's certainly what was predicted. And why did they wait until nearly mid-December to migrate? "Isn't this late for them?" people asked me. Can I tell them that yes, it's late because of the mild weather we had – that maybe it's also another anecdotal sign of global climate change? Maybe I can. Maybe not. But one thing we certainly know is that birds do tell humans something – the weather's changing, nature is important, native wildlife habitats are disappearing. When we listen to the cranes flying overhead, what else do we hear beyond that about birds and the environment? And what can we do in 2017 to help these remarkable winged creatures?

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Video cameras reveal diverse nest predator communities within Illinois shrublands

BY SCOTT J. CHIAVACCI, THOMAS J. BENSON AND MICHAEL P. WARD

INTRODUCTION

The decline of shrubland bird populations in North America is increasingly recognized as a conservation concern. Within Illinois, a 100-year bird survey highlighted the steep declines of several shrubland bird species, including the Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*), Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*), and Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*; Walk et al. 2010). The 2010 addition of the shrub-nesting Black-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythropthalmus*) to Illinois' list of threatened species further illustrates the extent of these declines. Although evidence regarding the causes for these declines is limited, one study points to increased nest predation as a potential contributing factor to declines in Illinois (Schmidt 2003). Indeed, high rates of nest predation are known to negatively impact population persistence in birds (e.g., Wilcove 1985, Donovan et al. 1995, Robinson et al. 1995) and given that nest predation is the main cause of nest failure for many species (Ricklefs 1969), measuring nest predation rates is often the starting point when beginning to address such declines.

Estimating rates of nest predation is typically a relatively easy and quick way to assess if high rates of predation could be contributing to declines. However, simply knowing that a nest was depredated without knowing what predator was responsible rarely provides information useful for devising management strategies. This is because nest predation tends to involve numerous predators that interact with nesting birds and nest habitat in different ways, leading to predator-specific patterns in predation that are obscured when predators are unknown (e.g., Benson et al. 2010). One benefit to knowing what predators cause nest failure is that links between dominant predators and specific habitat features can be examined, which can lead to more informed habitat management decisions designed to minimize nest predation risk (Chiavacci et al. 2014). Thus, one of the goals of our large-scale study was to identify nest predators and then determine the factors that make nests vulnerable to the most common predator species. In pursuit of this goal, we used video cameras to identify patterns in nest predation on shrubland-bird nests in Illinois.

Bell's Vireo is a shrubland bird species, which suffers from parasitism and predation.

John Longhenry took this photo of a singing Bell's Vireo at Rockford Airport, Winnebago County on 20 August 2014.

METHODS

We conducted this study in shrubland habitats in Illinois. Eight study sites were located in northeastern Illinois and included Greene Valley and Herrick Lake forest preserves in DuPage County; Aurora West, Campton, Burnidge, Hampshire and Helm Woods forest preserves in Kane County; and Moraine Hills State Park in McHenry County. We also worked at four sites in east-central Illinois including Kennekuk Cove County Park and the Vermilion River Observatory in Vermilion County as well as the Middle Fork River and Lake of the Woods forest preserves in Champaign County.

Habitats consisted primarily of native and non-native herbaceous vegetation such as common goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*) and blackberry (*Rubus spp.*), as well as woody plants such as multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), honeysuckle (*Lonicera spp.*), autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*), eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*), hawthorn (*Crataegus spp.*), and dogwood (*Cornus spp.*). Typical habitat conditions at sites included open areas intermixed with isolated shrubs and dense shrub thickets of varying heights.

We searched for and monitored nests from approximately 1 April through 10 September during 2011–2014. To locate nests we used adult behavior (e.g., collecting nest material, copulations, aggressiveness toward observers) and systematic searches of shrublands. To document predation events, we monitored a subset of nests with time-lapse video camera systems. We camouflaged cameras with paint and vegetation, placed them within 0.5 to1 meter of nests, and continuously recorded video at a given nest until it failed or fledged young. To avoid nest abandonment among nests found during building or egg-laying, we typically delayed setting up cameras until nests contained full clutches of eggs.

Following failure or fledging, we measured nest site characteristics likely to influence the probability of nest predation. Specifically, we estimated the percent of the nest

concealed by vegetation as well as the density of vegetation within 5 meters of the nest. We also measured the height of the nest above the ground. Beyond evaluating the influence of nest site characteristics on nest predation, we also examined how predation varied with day of year, study site, geographic region (i.e., east-central or northeast Illinois), the number of eggs and chicks in the nest, nest age, nest stage, and whether the nest was parasitized by Brown-headed Cowbirds (*Molothrus ater*). We included these variables in statistical models to identify patterns in nest predation by the seven dominant predators in our system: Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*), black ratsnake (*Elaphe obsoleta*), fox snake (*Elaphe vulpine*), white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), weasels (long-tailed [*Mustela frenata*] and short-tailed weasels [*Mustela erminea*] combined), and Sciurids gray squirrel [*Sciurus carolinensis*], fox squirrel [*Sciurus niger*], and eastern chipmunk [*Tamias striatus*] combined).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

From 2011-2014 we located more than 3,600 nests of 39 different species within shrublands. Of these, we video-monitored 496 nests of 22 bird species. We documented 209 predation events involving 26 predator species (Figs. 1 and 2) which, to our knowledge, represents the most diverse nest predator community documented anywhere to date.

In most cases, nests were depredated completely by a single predator. However, we did observe three cases of different predators partially depredating the same nests. In one case, a Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) carried off a single egg from a Brown Thrasher nest and on the following day an eastern chipmunk ate the remaining eggs. In the second case, both a fox squirrel and an eastern chipmunk ate nestlings from a Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) nest on the same day. In the third case, a Cooper's Hawk ate two Brown Thrasher nestlings on two separate days and four days later a long-tailed weasel ate one and simultaneously force-fledged the remaining nestling. We also documented two instances of adults being killed on the nest. In one, an adult Brown Thrasher was killed by a long-tailed weasel while incubating overnight. In the other, an American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) along with its two well-developed nestlings was killed by an Eastern Screech Owl (*Megascops asio*) while brooding overnight.

Our analysis of predator-specific patterns revealed that nest predation by certain predators was explained by three variables: the region of Illinois in which sites were located (east-central or northeast), nest height, and vegetation density within nest sites. Regarding region, nests in east-central Illinois were more likely to be preyed on by black rat snakes, fox snakes, Cooper's Hawks, and raccoons than nests in northeastern Illinois. However, predation by white-tailed deer, weasels, and Sciurids did not differ statistically between the two regions. Regarding nest height, nests higher above the ground were less likely to be preyed on by black ratsnakes, white-tailed deer, and raccoons, but were more likely to be preyed on by Sciurids. Nest height did not affect predation by Cooper's Hawks, fox snakes, or weasels. Lastly, in areas where the vegetation was denser 1 to 2 meters above the ground (i.e., in areas with relatively tall, dense shrubs), nests were more likely to be preyed on by Cooper's Hawks and Sciurids. In contrast, black rat snakes, white-tailed deer, and raccoons were less likely to prey on nests when nest sites had denser vegetation 1 to 2 meters above ground. Fox snake and weasel predation was not influenced by the density of vegetation 1 to 2 meters above ground.

The predator-specific patterns in predation we detected provide one possible reason why certain shrubland species may be declining as well as what habitat conditions make nests more vulnerable to predation. First, the regional differences in nest predation point to the potential conservation value of forest preserves within northeastern Illinois. In other analyses we have conducted, we found that nest survival was considerably greater in northeastern Illinois, ranging from double to nearly triple that of sites

Figure 1. Shrubland-bird nest predator species and the number of events involving each predator within Illinois shrublands, 2011-2014. Note: mice could not be identified to species and are, thus, presented as "Mouse species"; the group "Squirrel species" includes fox and gray squirrels. Predators are ordered least to most frequently documented from left to right in each predator group

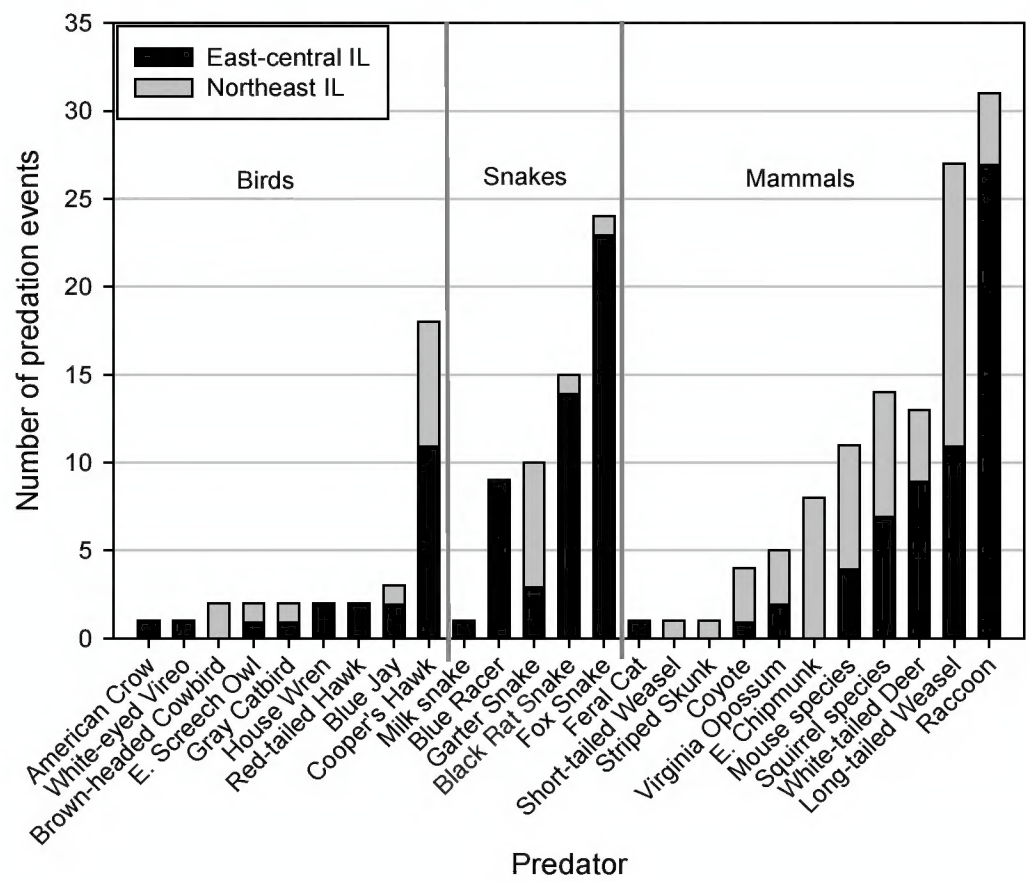
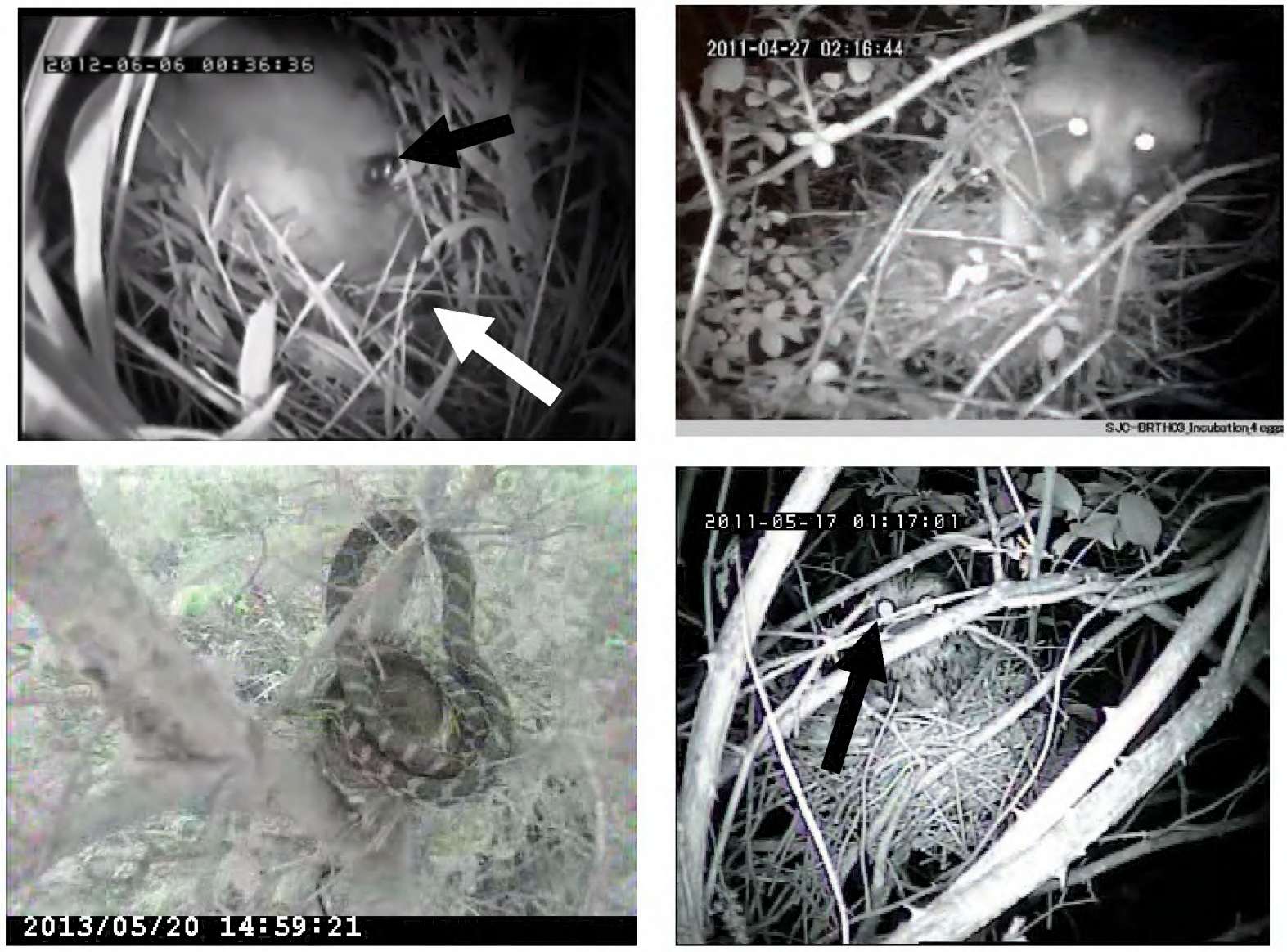


Figure 2. Still images of predation events at nests in Illinois shrublands. Predators and nesting species clockwise from top left include a white-tailed deer consuming Field Sparrow eggs (black arrow pointing to the deer's right eye; white arrow pointing to the deer's muzzle, which it has in the nest), a raccoon consuming Field Sparrow nestlings, an Eastern Screech-Owl consuming Brown Thrasher nestlings (black arrow pointing to the owl's illuminated right eye), and a fox snake consuming American Robin eggs.



in east-central Illinois (i.e., 50–70% survival in the northeast versus about 25% in east-central Illinois). This is primarily because of lower rates of nest predation in the northeast, as is evidenced by the regional patterns we found. Specifically, lower rates of predation by snakes in northeastern Illinois could be due in part to the area being near the edge of the blue racer's and black rat snake's ranges (e.g., DeGregorio et al. 2014). It may also be that the urban landscapes around, and the pedestrian traffic within some preserves make the sites undesirable or dangerous to snakes, as well as the fact that more vehicular traffic makes it difficult for snakes and other predators to survive. The virtual absence of raccoons from sites in northeastern Illinois is interesting considering they reach relatively high densities in the more urbanized areas of the region (Prange et al. 2003, Randa and Yunger 2006). Based on other studies, however, it is likely that raccoons, although present in high densities, are subsisting primarily on human-created food sources that make them less reliant on nests for food (e.g., Rodewald et al. 2011). Cooper's Hawks may also reach greater densities in urban landscapes (Rosenfield et al. 1995, Boal and Mannan 1999), but, like raccoons, they were less likely to prey on nests in northeastern Illinois. Similar to raccoons, Cooper's Hawks may be less reliant on nests within preserves and more reliant on birds that reach high densities in the urbanized areas surrounding preserves (e.g., European Starlings [*Sturnus vulgaris*] and Rock Pigeons [*Columba livia*]).

Our finding that nests on or near the ground were more vulnerable to predation by several common predators supports the findings of Schmidt (2003) who showed a connection between declines in birds that nest near the ground and increased raccoon densities in Illinois. Indeed, the species that typically nest on or near the ground for at least part of the breeding season (e.g., Field Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Brown Thrasher) are also those suffering population declines (Walk et al. 2010). It is important to note, however, that while our findings offer support to Schmidt's (2003) hypothesis, there could be other factors unrelated to nest predation that are contributing to declines. Although raccoons were the numerically dominant predator species in our system, many other species also contributed considerably to nest failure rates, pointing to a wider range of threats facing low-nesting birds than rac-

coons alone. Thus, more work on this subject is needed before strong conclusions can be drawn about causes of population declines.

The impact of nest site vegetation density on nest survival may offer one possible management strategy for mitigating high rates of nest failure in areas where Cooper's Hawks and Sciurids are uncommon nest predators. If managers could promote the growth of shrubs that increase nest density 1 to 2 meters above ground, this might reduce predation by black rat snakes, white-tailed deer, and raccoons. However, such habitat conditions may not be suitable for all species, such as those that tend to nest in more open habitats (e.g., Field Sparrows). If anything, our study illustrates the complexity of the relationships between birds, nest habitat, and nest predators and suggests there may not be a one-size-fits-all approach to management. It also suggests that management strategies may need to incorporate an understanding of the dominant nest predator species for habitat management actions to be maximally effective.

Our study highlights the extensive use of shrubland habitat by not only a diverse suite of nesting bird species, but also a diversity of non-avian species, despite the fact many non-avian species also represent threats to nest survival. Unfortunately, management of shrublands is often neglected in place of promoting more aesthetically pleasing habitats (i.e., grassland or forest). We recommend land managers begin to include shrublands in their habitat management schemes, as this habitat is relatively rare on the Illinois landscape. There is still much more to learn about the interactions between nesting birds, shrubland habitat, and nest predators, but we aim to further analyze and identify patterns in shrubland bird nest survival to better inform managers on what habitat conditions seem best suited to promote successful shrubland-bird nesting and conservation.

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Twentieth Report of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

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Evaluations by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC or the Committee) are reported here for a total of 26 records, including 24 accepted records of 17 species, one species complex, and one hybrid combination, and two unaccepted records of two species. A total of 29 observers contributed reports, including descriptions and photographs documenting these records. We continue to follow the conventions used in the first 19 reports of the Committee, for example Sweet (2013) and Stotz (2012). The records below are divided into two groups: Accepted and Unaccepted. The Accepted group is further divided into First State Records, Review List Records, and Other Records. Nomenclature, English names and sequence of species conform to that of the 7th edition of the *Checklist of North American Birds* (American Ornithologists' Union 1998) and its supplements, through the 56th (Chesser et al. 2015).

Accepted records are entered with the locality, including county, the date, the IORC record number (in parentheses, the year of initial observation followed by a serial number), and the initials of the primary observer(s) who contributed specimens, descriptions, and/or photographs. Similar information is provided for unaccepted records, except the observers remain anonymous, and a brief explanation of why the record was not accepted is given. The initials of a contributor without any further modification indicate that they contributed solely written documentation. When additional information was provided, a colon follows the observer's initials with the following codes: p for photographic evidence, v for video, s for sound recording, and sp for a specimen. Many contributing photographers also submitted written documentation, a practice the Committee strongly encourages. If the observer who first discovered the bird is known to the Committee, that observer's initials are set off from the initials of other contributors by a semicolon. Initial observers who did not submit documentation are not always listed. For specimen records, a sharp (#) follows an abbreviation for the institution holding the specimen, along with that institution's catalog number of the specimen if available.

ACCEPTED RECORDS

First State Records

(One record of one species complex)

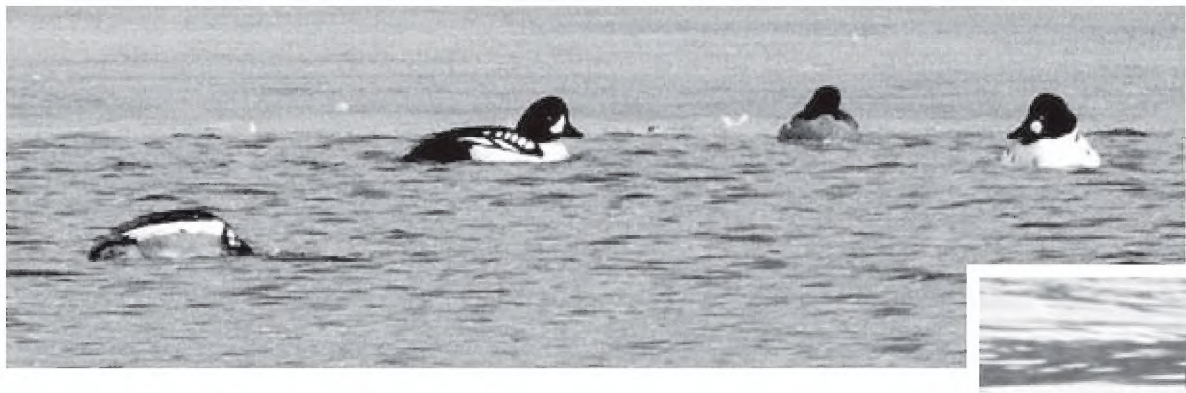
Pacific-slope/Cordilleran Flycatcher (*Empidonax difficilis/occidentalis*) One male found dead at McCormick Place, Chicago, Cook Co., 11 September 2010 (2010.029; DW:sp; MBa, SG, NP, CW). From the specimen (FMNH#472922), this bird was identified by researchers from University of New Mexico on the basis of newly discovered phenotypic criteria and confirmed on the basis of mitochondrial DNA (Baumann et al. 2014). DNA suggests it is a Pacific-Slope Flycatcher (*E. difficilis*) but the documenters declined to state so with certainty, citing the limitations inherent in mtDNA analysis. The Committee was split on the question of species-level identification, but unanimous in considering it a "Western Flycatcher" type. Engel and Willard (2014) provide a detailed account of this record, which includes two photographs with the specimen side-by-side with congeners.

Drake Eurasian Wigeon (2014.029) at Banner Marsh. Fulton County. 9 April 2014. Photo by Nolan Lameka.

Review List Species

(24 records of 17 species and one hybrid combination)

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*) One male at Dixon Waterfowl Refuge (formerly called Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area), Putnam Co., 18-30 May 2013 (2013.009; AA:p, RF). One male at Banner Marsh, Fulton County. 4-12 April 2014 (2014.029; NL:p, EC:p).



Male Barrow's Goldeneye (2014.026), second from left, swimming in the company of several Common Goldeneyes. Independence Grove FP. Lake County. 23 March 2014. Photo by Nat Carmichael.

Male Barrow's Goldeneye (2014.025) seen with female Common Goldeneye. West Dundee. Kane County. 15 March 2014. Photo by Brendon Lake.

ACCEPTED RECORDS, continued

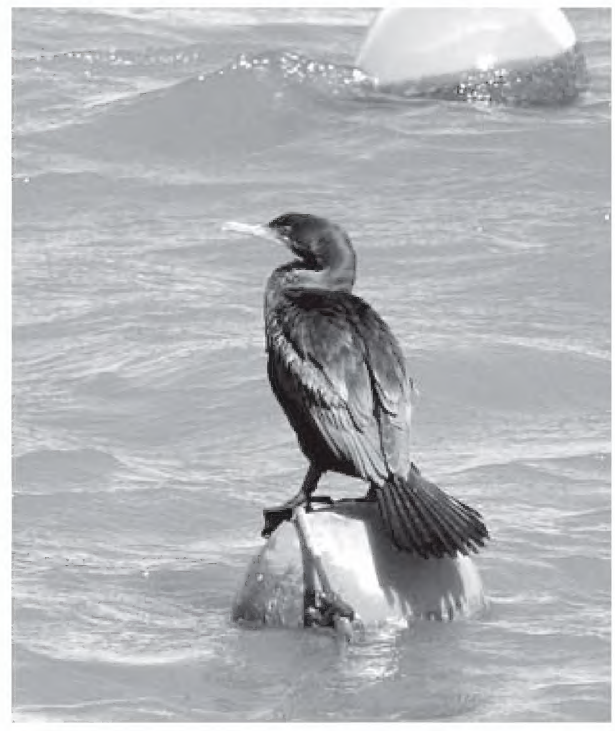
Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) One male on the Fox River in West Dundee, Kane Co., 15-30 March 2014 (2014.025; BL:p). One male at Independence Grove Forest Preserve, Lake Co., 23 March 2014 (2014.026; NC:p). Photographs of the bird in West Dundee, Kane Co. appear in Meadowlark 23:144 and in Hengeveld et al. (2015).

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) One at Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 8 September 2012 (2012.041; DK:p).

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) Four near Lake Springfield, Sangamon Co., 21 March 2014 (2014.028; DB:p). One at Urbana, Champaign Co., 7 May 2014 (2014.022; GL:p). Photographs of the birds involved in both of these records appear in Meadowlark 23:146.

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius nivosus*) One at Emiquon Preserve, Fulton Co., 6-7 April 2014 (2014.032; JS:p, AG:p).

Ivory Gull (*Pagophila eburnea*) One adult at Quincy, Adams Co., 2-9 January 2015 (2015.001; RD, DK:p, PR). See an article in the next issue of Meadowlark. A photograph was published in American Birding Association (2016).



Neotropic Cormorant (2012.041) at Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 8 September 2012. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Adult Ivory Gull (2015.001) at Quincy. Adams County. 3 January 2015. Photo by Aaron Gyllenhaal.

The Committee does not always take a position on the age or sex of a bird, and any such information given may be the observer's opinion, rather than the Committee's. All other remarks are the authors', although most of the information comes from the Committee files, which are now stored in Chicago, Illinois, in the Bird Division of the Field Museum of Natural History.

In those cases where there are discrepancies between the details presented here and other published records, the data provided here represent the Committee's best assessment of all available information. Date ranges for records reflect both the evidence in submitted documentation and also information available to the Committee from other sources when judged by the Committee to be valid. Such sources include internet bulletin boards and listserves, eBird (Sullivan et al. 2009), and personal communications. We have not generally commented on records that are published elsewhere with more limited data than contained here. The Committee accepts responsibility for any inaccuracies

Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*) One near the confluence of the Kankakee and Des Plaines rivers, Grundy Co., 26 March 2014 (2014.031; NG:p; JL:p).

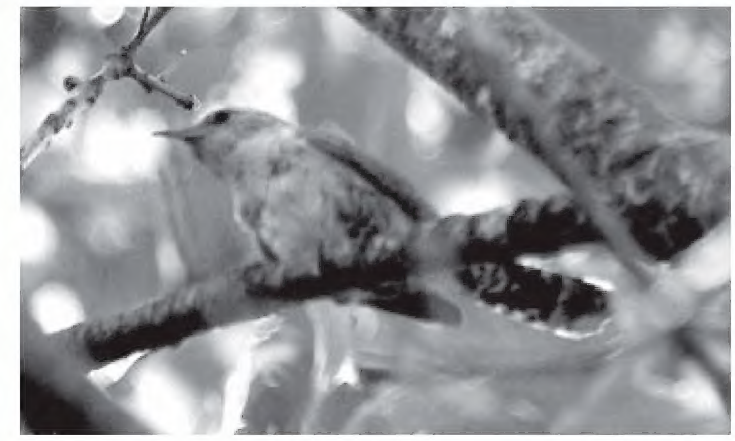
California Gull (*Larus californicus*) One at Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 29 September 2012 (2012.040; DK:p). One at Rend Lake, Franklin Co., 14 – 15 December 2013 and Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co. 22 December 2013 through 19 January 2014 (identified as same individual by close examination of photos) (2013.063; DK:p). A photograph of the first record appears in Meadowlark 22:68. A detailed account of the latter record, including photographs, is given in Kassebaum (2014).

Western Kingbird X Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus verticalis X forficatus*) One hybrid of this form paired with a Western Kingbird (*T. verticalis*), apparently feeding young, at American Bottoms, Monroe Co., 1 July 2014 (2014.033; DK:p).

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) One at Gunnar Anderson Forest Preserve, Kane Co., 12 May 2014 (2014.030; MBo:p). Photographs of this bird were published in Meadowlark 23:155 and in Hengeveld et al. (2015).

Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*) One at the North Unit of Illinois Beach State Park, Lake Co., 10 November 2013 (2013.031; PS:p). One photograph appears in Meadowlark 23:75.

Hybrid Western Kingbird X Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (2014.033) at American Bottoms. Monroe County. 1 July 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.



Bewick's Wren in Brown County. 28 May 2014. Photo by Greg Neise.

This Sage Thrasher was present mid-Dec 2014 to early Jan 2015 in Putnam County. Photo taken 31 December 2014 by Dan Kassebaum.

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) One at Brown Co., 28 May 2014 (2014.027; GN:p). These birds were several miles to the east of the known nesting location at Siloam Springs State Park.

Sage Thrasher (*Oreoscoptes montanus*) One in Putnam Co., 18 December 2014 – 3 January 2015 (2014.036; DK:p).

or misrepresentations of information herein. Errors that come to our attention will be published as corrigenda in a future IORC report.

Documentation and Review List

The Committee continues to encourage all observers of rare birds to submit documentation, even when multiple observers are involved in a sighting. Some records are deemed unacceptable due to incomplete information, which can often be resolved by additional documentation. Photos are of course invaluable resources for the Committee, but even with high-quality photographs available there are times when a tricky identification can be resolved only from written details not depicted in photos. The best practice is for observers to submit documentation directly to the Committee, even if it involves strictly photos. One should not make the assumption that documentary evidence available in the variety of public fora on the internet will make it to the Committee.

The Review List includes species for which the Committee will review all records, or all records outside of some determined region or range of dates within the state. Generally, these are species that average two or fewer records per year in the state or which are extremely rare in

ACCEPTED RECORDS, continued

Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*) One at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook Co., 6-9 November 2012 (2012.044; MMC:p, NL:p). One at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook Co., 22-27 December 2012 (2012.045; MMC:p, NL:p). Detailed photos were sufficient to demonstrate that these were two different individuals.

Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*) One male at Ewing Park, Bloomington, McLean Co., 3 May 2014 (2014.024; WK:p). Photographs of this bird were published in Meadowlark 23:160 and in Hengeveld et al. (2015).

Golden-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*) One in Wayne Co., 19 October 2012 (2012.042; LH:p). One photograph of this bird is available in Meadowlark 22:77.

Bohemian Waxwing at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Cook County. 27 December 2012. Wing pattern differs from that of November 2012 individual. Photo by Nolan Lameka.

Bohemian Waxwing at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Cook County. 9 November 2012. Photo by Nolan Lameka.

all but a few counties. The current Review List, available at http://www.illinoisbirds.org/illinois-ornithological-records-committee/, was approved at the 12 January 2014 meeting of IORC. IORC requests and welcomes evidence concerning all records for those species listed on the review list.

In addition, any species not listed in the Illinois State List of Birds (available at http://www.illinoisbirds.org/the-birds-of-illinois/) should be documented. In some cases, documentation of regularly occurring species may be warranted. These instances may include out of season occurrences, first state nesting records, and exceptionally high counts of species. Documentation in these cases should also be sent to the seasonal report editor for the appropriate season. These may be considered by the Committee, as well as documentations submitted for the Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count.

Abbreviations

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Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) One at Palos Heights, Cook Co., 28 April – 5 May 2014 (2014.023; CE:p). Photographs of this bird appear in Meadowlark 23:163 and in Hengeveld et al. (2015).

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) Two birds at East St. Louis, St. Clair Co., 16-20 June 2011 (2011.035; DK:p). One was in full song and territorial and was presumably a male in its first-plumage cycle. The other also was in female-type plumage. Painted Buntings were observed at this site during 31 May to 6 July 2011, though the ones seen on 31 May and 6 July were apparently not the same individuals that were documented for this record.

One of the Painted Buntings present in East St. Louis. St. Clair County. 16 June 2016. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

(two records of two species)

Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*) One at Will Co., 20 December 2013 (2013.041). The Committee felt that the description was inconsistent with this species, most notably the described size of the bird, suggesting a leucistic White-breasted Nuthatch as a possibility.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) One at Fermilab, DuPage Co., 18 May 2013 (2013.011). The majority of the committee had concerns about the identification of this bird, noting that the description of the bird's behavior didn't make sense for this species.

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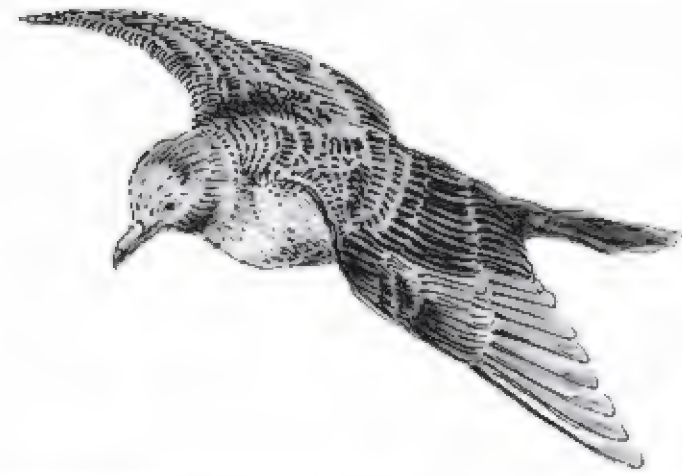

BY DAVID B. JOHNSON

Illustration of Pomarine Jaeger by Peter Olson.

The autumnal 2014 season in central Illinois was dominated by a very warm August and mid-September with a record high of 97 degrees F on 10 September and a tying record high of 96 degrees F on 11 September; August's mean temperature was 73.6 degrees F and September's mean temperature was 64.9 degrees F in central Illinois. By contrast, on 4 October Chicago and Rockford recorded a trace amount of snowfall, one of the three earliest traces of snow for the state. Later in mid-October three tornadoes were spawned in Shelby and Macon Counties on 13 October including one EF2 tornado. October's mean temperature was 53.9 with the first sub-freezing day recorded on 30 October in central Illinois. A snowfall amount of one-tenth of an inch in Chicago was the first Halloween snowfall since 1993. This was just the beginning of a long drawn out cold snowy season. A major polar outbreak occurred on 17 November through 21 November in the Chicago and northern Illinois area with near record cold temperatures. November's mean temperature in central Illinois was very cold 34.6. Ironically the season ended with a near record high of 64 degrees F on 30 November in the Champaign area. Due to the many cold days in October and November any lingering migrants were absent by the end of the meteorological season (NOAA, Illinois State Water Survey, Prairie Research Institute, Jim Angel, state climatologist).

Rarities

This fall observers noted at least 17 rarities. Nine BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCKS were at Rochelle—most likely the wandering flock noted previously in spring in Kendall County. A MOTTLED DUCK was observed and photographed at Chautauqua NWR in late August. The returning HARLEQUIN DUCK was observed by many in Elgin on the Fox River, plus the four photographed HARLEQUIN DUCKS at North Point Marina in mid-October was a remarkable tally. Always rare in northern Illinois a migrant BLACK VULTURE was detected at Fort Sheridan FP during the hawk watch there. A post breeding dispersal immature WHITE IBIS was noted in southern Illinois in late July. An immature PURPLE GALLINULE was noted in early September at the Dixon Waterfowl Refuge (Hennepin Lake). WHOOPING CRANES from Operation Migration were noted in five counties. A well-photographed POMARINE JAEGER was in central Illinois at Weldon Spring State Park in late November. A PARASITIC JAEGER was photographed at Waukegan in late September. Staying for a month, a 1st cycle CALIFORNIA GULL was photographed at Carlyle Lake. A PRAIRIE FALCON was observed in Kane County and the returning pair of PRAIRIE FALCONS were back at the "magic stump" in Coles County in late October. An ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER was banded and photographed in Sangamon County in late September. An early migrant VARIED THRUSH was noted in Sangamon County in late October for the seventh county record; a second was found and photographed in a garage in Champaign County. A TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE was noted in mid-November at the Chicago Botanic Garden; a second TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE was photographed in Jo Daviess County near Schapville. A CASSIN'S SPARROW (FMNH 495668) was salvaged in Chicago in early September by the Chicago Bird Collison Monitors. A LARK BUNTING was observed and photographed at Montrose Point, Chicago, in mid October. Finally, the first fully substantiated BULLOCK'S ORIOLE was observed and photographed east of Joppa, Massac County in late November. Several other rarities were not documented and/or are still being reviewed by IORC and they are noted as such in brackets in this report.

Ducks through Hawks

Waterfowl migration accelerated itself with the extreme cold in late November with ice loving ducks such as Common Goldeneyes and Common Mergansers being detected early and they were relatively widespread. The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge often holds thousands of migratory waterfowl; thus, the 7,500 Canvasbacks at Spring Lake plus other waterfowl were detected in good numbers at this location. Northern Pintails continue their eastward movement with increasing reports from 45 counties. Redheads, once again, are increasing in raft numbers along the western shore of Lake Michigan with 2,100 concentrated at Evanston's lakefront in early November. All three scoters plus Long-tailed Ducks were detected at a handful of locations. A Surf Scoter made it as far south as Carlyle Lake, White-wingeds and Blacks were noted in central Illinois. Two Long-tailed Ducks migrated to Lake Springfield in November. Hooded and Common Mergansers were noted in good numbers but Red-breasted Merganser migratory numbers seemed to be down. Northern Bobwhites were reported in only 35 counties. Increasing numbers of Red-throated Loons are being noted along the shore of Lake Michigan. In contrast, there was but one Pacific

Loon report. All expected grebes were noted with 4 counties reporting Red-necked and Eared Grebes. Two Western Grebes were noted along Lake Michigan. American White Pelicans continue to dot our waterscapes with reports from 50 counties this season. Bitterns, always difficult to detect, were reported in several counties. Herons did not straggle this season and were pushed out early due to the cold season. Three White-faced Ibis were photographed at Carlyle Lake in mid-September. The three northeastern hawkwatches reported a rather lackluster season with low migratory numbers of raptors. Sharp-shinned Hawk migration peaked in mid-October at Illinois Beach State Park Hawk Watch. Northern Goshawks were barely detected. Broad-winged Hawk flights with kettles were noted this season with 1,166 being the highest count at the Greene Valley Hawk Watch.

Rails through Woodpeckers

Twenty-three Common Gallinules at Emiquon in September was a noteworthy count where the species is known to breed. The 30,000 American Coots at Emiquon was the highest tally along the Illinois River.

For shorebird migration most of the state had no exposed mudflats throughout the season. The exception was a drawdown at Chautauqua's National Wildlife Refuge's north pool at just the right time in August. The 78 Hudsonian Godwits noted there on 22 August was a testimony to that fact. The widest distributed migratory shorebird was the Solitary Sandpiper--being reported in 56 counties. There was only one Piping Plover report in central Illinois. Upland Sandpipers had a spike in migratory distribution with reports in 13 counties versus 5 counties in 2013. Numbers and distribution of most shorebirds seemed very low: American Golden-Plover, Dunlin and White-rumped Sandpiper numbers were way down. A Lesser Yellowlegs and Sanderling lingered until the last week of November in spite of the cold weather.

Five Juvenile Sabine's Gulls were noted at Lake Springfield representing the highest count for Sangamon County since 1988. An immature kittiwake was noted in Adams County. Early cold weather brought in Thayer's, Iceland and Glaucous Gulls at the end of the season and the ever increasing Lesser Black-backed Gulls were noted in 14 counties. Migratory terns were noted in good numbers with a maximum count of 300 Black Terns at Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge and Carlyle Lake in late August. Fifty-six counties reported the ever increasing Eurasian Collared-Doves. There was only one Long-eared Owl report in late November and Northern Saw-whet Owls peaked with a maximum count of 13 at Sand Bluff Bird Observatory in mid October. Common Nightwawks were detected in fewer numbers this season but a high count of 1,364 in Lake County at the end of August was a good tally. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds must have been staging in Monroe County with an amazing 142 individuals there in early August. Only one Rufous Hummingbird was reported. It lingered in Kane County until mid-November. Red-headed Woodpeckers were detected in 72 counties with a maximum count of eighty being reported at Carlyle Lake in late September. The Merlin migration peaked at 108 individuals on 8 October at the Illinois Beach Hawk Watch.

Passerines

Migrant passerines were pushed out of the state by the cold which ended the season. The highest migrant flycatcher count was of 42 Eastern Wood-Pewees at Mississippi Palisades State Park. A tardy Western Kingbird and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher were noted in Chicago in mid-October. The earliest Northern Shrike migrant was noted at the Illinois Beach State Park Hawk Watch on 17 October. A late October White-eyed Vireo was photographed at Montrose. Philadelphia Vireos were detected in 33 counties. Blue Jays were noted in most Illinois counties (96). Purple Martins departed by mid-September and were reported in 46 counties. Eighty-thousand Tree Swallows at Caryle Lake in mid-October was a massive count! A maximum count of 17 Winter Wrens at Jackson Park in Chicago was a strong tally. A late departing Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was observed at the Carlyle Sewage Ponds on 19 November. Eastern Bluebirds seemed ubiquitous this season and were reported in 80 counites. Always rare and noteworthy were two Townsend's Solitaire reports from two northern counties. A late departing Wood Thrush was noted in Peoria in early November. Large American Robin numbers and roosts were detected in northeastern Illinois. American Pipits were detected in 29 counties with the earliest arrival at Montrose on 15 September. An excellent migration of Cedar Waxwings occurred on 30 August along the western shore of Lake Michigan with a maximum count of 4,265 at the Ft. Sheridan Hawk Watch and 2,394 at the Illinois Beach State Park Hawk Watch. A maximum count of 3,000 Lapland Longspurs was observed in Champaign in late November. An early, lone Smith's Longspur was photographed atop a straw-covered grassy bluff at Fort Sheridan in mid-September; a maximum count of 14 was in Clinton County in late November. The first migrant Snow Buntings appeared in Evanston on 18 October and were detected in 23 counties with Richland and Clinton being the southernmost counties. Blackpoll Warblers staged an excellent migration with high numbers along Chicago's lakefront. Black-and-white, Tennessee, Orange-crowned, Nashville, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Northern Parula, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Palm, Yellow-rumped, and Black-throated Green Warblers were all detected in 40 or more counties. A tardy American Redstart and Cape May Warbler were dectected in mid-November at Jackson Park and North Point Marina, respectively. American Tree Sparrows arrived by the beginning of October and were widespread in 50 counties by the end of November. Savannah Sparrows were still lingering along the Chicago lakefront at the end of the period. Grasshopper Sparrows were noted in 22 counties and Henslow's Sparrows were noted in 20 counties. There were only three Harris's Sparrow reports all along the Chicago lakefront. The earliest arriving Fox Sparrow was detected in Chicago on 19 September. The ever-increasing Blue Grosbeak was noted in 40 counties. Dickcissels and Bobolinks were observed in 55 and 30 counties respectively and both species exited the state by the end of October with the tardiest Bobolink report coming from Illinois Beach State Park-North Unit. Western Meadowlarks were noted in 12 counties. Rusty Blackbirds were reported as being

more widespread than the last fall season (2013) with reports coming from 42 counties. Brewer's Blackbirds were detected in 19 counties with many observers noting these blackbirds on sod farm fields. American Goldfinchs were ubiquitous (91 counties) with a maximum count of 1,200 at Carlyle Lake in late November.

Irruptive Species

There were just eight reports in three counties of Northern Goshawks, nearly all at northeastern Illinois hawk watches. Rough-legged Hawks, reported in 30 counties, made a strong push in November with many detected in southern counties by the end of the period. There was an echo irruption of Snowy Owls following the 2013/2014 super irruption this season with 10 reports in nine counties—all in November; the first appearing on 1 November at O'Hare International Airport. Northern Shrikes arrived in early October at Illinois Beach State Park-North Unit at the hawk watch where they are often first seen—but one in St. Clair County at the end of November was remarkably far south. Otherwise Northern Shrikes had a normal incursion. It was a down year for Red-breasted Nuthatches; they were difficult to detect and were reported in only 24 counties. Except for better than average numbers and distribution of Purple Finches and irruptive Pine Siskins other finches were simply not that noteworthy with very few Common Redpolls being seen in eight counties, with Menard and Dewitt Counties being the southermost, and several sightings of Red Crossbills, interestly enough, only in central Illinois

This report was largely derived from the eBird database (Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 2015) for each species; 383,943 rows or records of vetted bird species data were analyzed and 310 observers are credited for their observations in this report—contrast this historically with just 90 observers submitting data for the first issue of Illinois Birds and Birding 30 years ago (Kleen, 1985). Maximum counts, early arrival and late departure dates, plus number of counties a species occurred in were gleaned from the eBird database unless a manual report trumped these data which, I must state, happened often. In addition some data were gleaned through IBET and Facebook. Observers who submitted reports with the significance of their sightings was most helpful. A special thanks must go to all who so kindly logged their sightings into eBird plus those observers, biologists and ornithologists who logged their sightings into journals and spreadsheets in lieu of eBird and so kindly shared their data. The fall migration season has long been noted as the season for far-flung rarities, early and lingering migrants, and this season was no exception. More importantly with the new databases and electronic tools--we are learning more about the trends of the fall season bird distribution throughout the state and each contributor in whatever measure has an important role in this effort.

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

AlmondM = Almond Marsh Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
AMAX = Amax Coal Company property, Keensburg (Wabash Co)
ArcolaM = Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co)
AWS = Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, Springfield (Sangamon Co)
BaileyWet = Bailey Wetland (Richland and Wayne Cos)
Baker'sL = Baker's Lake, Barrington (Cook Co)
BaldwinL = Baldwin Lake (Randolph/St. Clair Cos)
BannerM = Banner Marsh (Fulton/Peoria Cos)
BigBend = Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area (Whiteside Co)
Bloom = Bloomington (McLean Co)
BraidwoodL = Braidwood Lake (Will Co)
BRSF = Big River State Forest (Henderson Co)
BurnhamPk-BNS = Burnham Park – Burnham Park Sanctuary (Cook Co)
BuseyWds = Busey Woods Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
CalPk = Calumet Park (Cook Co)
C'dale = Carbondale (Jackson Co)
CarlL-B = Carlyle Lake (Bond Co)
CarlL-C = Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)
CarlL-F = Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co)
CBG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
Champaign = Champaign (Champaign Co)
Chau = Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi = Chicago--excl. Jackson Park, Lincoln & Grant Parks & Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
ClearL = Clear Lake (Mason Co) or (Cass Co)
ClintonL = Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
ConnerL = Conner Lake (Monroe Co)
CONWR = Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
CP = Carpenter Park (Sangamon Co)
CrystalLk = Crystal Lake Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
DeerGrove = Deer Grove Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
DYNL = Dick Young/Nelson Lake Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
EForkL = East Fork Lake, Olney (Richland Co)
Elsens Hill = Elsens Hill, West DuPage Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Emiquon = The Nature Conservancy Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
EPSP = El Paso Sewage Plant (Woodford Co)
EwingP = Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co)
Fermi = Fermilab (DuPage Co)
FountainGrn = Fountain Green Township (Hancock Co)
Gillson = Gillson Park, Wilmette (Cook Co)
GlacialPk = Glacial Park Conservation Area (McHenry Co)
GNAS = Glenview Naval Air Station Prairie (Cook Co)
GLPSNA = Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
GreeneVal = Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
GrantPk = Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
GreenR = Green River State Wildlife Area (Lee Co)
HennepinL = Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
HeronPond = Heron Pond Nature Preserve, Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA = Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
HomerL = Homer Lake Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)

Abbreviations for place names, *continued*

IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
Jarvis = Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Lincoln Pk, Chicago (Cook Co)
JJDFP = John J. Duerr Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
JP = Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
JubileeC = Jubilee College State Park (Peoria Co)
Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
KankakeePks = LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Park (Kankakee Co)
LBloom = Lake Bloomington (McLean Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
LDec = Lake Decatur (Macon Co)
LincGrdns = Lincoln Gardens, Springfield (Sangamon Co)
LincPk = Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
LLCC = Lincoln Land Community College Banding Station (Sangamon Co)
LostMound = Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge (Jo Daviess Co)
LowdMil = Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
LShel = Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie Co)
LSpfld = Lake Springfield (Sangamon Co)
LTFP = Loud Thunder Forest Preserve (Rock Island Co)
LVerm = Lake Vermilion, Danville (Vermilion Co)
L&D 13 = Lock & Dam 13, Mississippi River (Whiteside Co)
LUREC = Loyola University Retreat and Ecology Campus (McHenry Co)
MArb = Morton Arboretum (DuPage Co)
MeadbrkPk = Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
MermetL = Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Massac Co)
Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MidFork = Middle Fork River Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
MidSav = Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
MlrMdw = Miller Meadow, Midlothian Meadows Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
MissPalis = Mississippi Palisades State Park (Carroll Co)
MissR = Mississippi River (various counties)
MomenceSod = H & E Sod Farm, Momence (Kankakee Co)
Montrose = Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
MoormanSRA = Moorman Swine Research Area (Champaign Co)
NoP = North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NortherlyI = Northerly Island, Burnham Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NPM = North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
NygrenWet = Nygren Wetlands Preserve (Winnebago Co)
O'Fallon WTP = O'Fallon Wastewater Treatment Plant (St. Clair Co)
Palos = Palos area (sw. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas = Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Peabody = Peabody River King State Fish & Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
PeacockM = marsh @ Peacock Engineering Company, Bolingbrook (Will Co)
Pecatonica = Pecatonica River area (Winnebago Co)
Pembroke = Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
PereMar = Pere Marquette State Park (Jersey Co)
PineHills = Pine Hills/LaRue Ecological Area (Union Co)
PLNWR = Port Louisa NWR, Keithsburg Division of Mark Twain NWR Complex (Mercer Co)
Pratt'sWW = Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
PrRdg-J = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
QC = Quad Cities and vicinity (Rock Island Co)
Rockford = Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RendL = Rend Lake (Jefferson Co)
RiverBend = River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
RockCut = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav = Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
RSPk = Riverside Park (Sangamon Co)
Ryerson = Ryerson Conservation Area (Lake Co)
SagSl = Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co)
SaltCrk = Salt Creek Woods Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Sang = Sangamon Co
Sangchris = Sangchris Lake (Sangamon/Christian Cos)
SantaFe = Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
SongbirdSl = Songbird Slough Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
SpgBlf = Spring Bluff Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Springbrk = Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co)
SpringL = Spring Lake (Tazewell Co)
SRSF = Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
StarvedRock = Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle Co)
TCauseRA = Thomson Causeway Recreation Area (Carroll Co)
TheGrove = The Grove, Glenview (Cook Co)
TwoRivers = Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
UCCA = Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
UMRNWR = Upper Mississippi River NWR (Carroll Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
VoloBog = Volo Bog State Natural Area (Lake Co)
Wauk = Waukegan Beach & Harbor/lakefront (Lake Co)
WhalonL = Whalon Lake Forest Preserve (Will Co)
WhispWil = Whispering Willows Park, Bourbonnais

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

ad(s) = adult(s)
alt = alternate plumage (breeding)
cop = copulating
et al. = and other
♀ = female(s)
imm = immature
incl = including
juv(s) = juvenile(s)
lg = large
♂ = male(s)
m.ob. = many observers
* = documented record
** = specimen record
< = Late fall departure
> = Early spring arrival
ph = photo(s)
plum = plumage
pr(s) = pair(s)
prop = property
pts = points
resp = respectively
subad(s) = subadult(s)
unk = unknown age/sex
vid = video
w/ = with
yg = young
1st = first winter plumage
2nd = second winter plumage
3rd = third winter plumage

The following abbreviations for place names have been used throughout this report:

Apt	= Airport	L&WR	= Land & Water Reserve	SNA	= State Natural Area
Arb	= Arboretum	M	= Marsh	SRU	= Swine Research Unit
B	= Beach	Mem	= Memorial	So.	= South
Bldg	= Building	NA	= Natural Area	SP	= State Park
CA	= Conservation Area	NC	= Nature Center	SRA	= State Recreation Area
CBC	= Audubon Christmas Bird Count	NHL	= National Historic Landmark	Trl	= Trail
		No.	= North	Twp	= Township
Cem	= Cemetery	NP	= Nature Preserve	USF&WS	= United States Fish & Waterfowl/Wildlife Service
Co(s)	= County(ies)	NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge		
CP	= County Park	OSL	= Open Space Lands	Univ	= University
Crk	= Creek	Pk	= Park	WMA	= Wildlife Management Area
FP	= Forest Preserve	Pra	= Prairie	Wds	= Woods
FS	= Field Station	Pr	= Preserve	Wet(s)	= Wetland(s)
GC	= Golf Course	R	= River	WS	= Wildlife Sanctuary
H	= Harbor	Rd	= Road	WTF	= Wastewater Treatment Facility
HA	= Habitat Area	Res	= Resevoir		
I	= Island	SF	= State Forest		
IL	= Illinois	Sl	= Slough	**EA**	= Earliest Arrival
L	= Lake	SFWA	= State Fish & Wildlife Waterfowl Area	**LD**	= Latest Departure(s)
L&D	= Lock & Dam			**MC**	= Maximum Count(s)

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Organizations and Institutions:

CAS	Chicago Audubon Society (field trips)
CBCM	Chicago Bird Collision Monitors (data largely involving window-strikes at high rises in downtown Chicago)
COS	Chicago Ornithological Society (field trips)
DBC	DuPage Birding Club (field trips)
ENSBC	Evanston-North Shore Bird Club (field trips)
FMNH	Field Museum of Natural History
FSHW	Fort Sherican Hawk Watch (Fort Sheridan LCFP, Lake Forest, compiled by Michal Furmanek)
GVHW	Greene Valley Hawk Watch (data from Greene Valley FP, compiled by Bob Fisher)
IAS	Illinois Audubon Society (field trips)
IBHW	Illinois Beach Hawk Watch (data from IBSP, North Unit, compiled by Vic Berardi)
IORC	Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
IOS	Illinois Ornithological Society (field trips)
KCA	Kane County Audubon (field trips)`
NPBW	North Pond Bird Walk (weekly surveys at North Pond in Linc.P, led and compiled by Geoffrey A. Williamson)
SBBO	Sand Bluff Bird Observatory (Winnebago Co)
SRAS	Starved Rock Audubon Society (field trips)
WGNSS	Webster Grove Nature Study Society (field trips)

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The 2014 Fall Season Field Notes

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

MC: 9, Rochelle, (Ogle Co), 11-12 Aug (ST, KML:ph). Ostensibly the same flock reported in late May in Yorkville (Kendall Co). **Others**: [One observer undocumented sight record: Quincy (3) (Adams Co), 23 Nov].

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 23 Aug, *Henderson* (DHh); 31 Aug, *Brown* (PB, NS, CWf, MSr); 17 Sep, IBSP (AFS); 10 Oct, Montrose (MCD, m.ob.). **MC**: 1000, *St. Clair*, 4 Nov (KAM); 300, CarlL-C, 28 Nov (DMK); 300, PyramidSP (Perry Co), 16 Nov (DDM). Reported in 33 counties.

Snow Goose

EA: 17 Sep, *LaSalle* (SZ); 20 Sep, GVHW (JAS); 27 Sep, *Lake* (BJS). **MC**: 50,000, BaldwinL, 22 Nov (WCR, DMa, MAMj); 40,000, CarlL-C, 23-26 Nov (DMK); 6000, RendL, 30 Nov (JGd); 1700, PyramidSP (Perry Co), 16 Nov (DDM); 1000, CarlL-C, 22 Nov (MSS). Reported in 38 counties.

Ross's Goose

EA: 26 Oct, Kaneville Quarry (SAC); 30-31 Oct, Oswego (Kendall Co) (MWr, MMC); 1 Nov(2), *Winnebago* (DTW); 8 Nov, RendL (DDM). **MC**: 12, BaldwinL, 22 Nov (WCR, DMa, MAMj); 3, Lee, 25 Nov (PAM); 3, CarlL-C, 26 Nov (DMK). **Others**: UCCA, 26 Nov (JT). Reported in 17 counties.

Cackling Goose

EA: 13 Sep, GVHW & Fermi (GP); 30 Sep, LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 500, *Ogle*, 28 Nov (JV, LV); 441, *Lee*, 25 Nov (PAM). **Others**: *Carroll* (22), 10 Nov (KJM). Reported in 37 counties.

Canada Goose

MC: 10,000, LRen, 29 Nov (JV); 7250, *Will,* 30 Nov (DFS); 5270, LakeVilla (Lake Co) 27 Nov (RAB); 5000; Three Oaks (McHenry Co), 29 Nov (EES). Reported in 88 counties.

Mute Swan

MC: 118, BannerM, 19 Nov (MHB); 30, SpringL, 16 Aug (JP); 27, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 27 Nov (RAB); 25, DesPlaines CA (Will Co), 30 Nov (JWL). Reported in 24 counties.

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 79, Emiquon, 15 Nov (CDn); 69, HennepinL, 12 Nov (TH); 38, *Carroll*, 10 Nov (KJM); 21, Illinois LaHarpe Reservoir (Hancock Co), 20 Nov (CO); 19, Wolf Lk (Cook Co), 27 Nov (WJM). Reported in 20 counties.

Tundra Swan

EA: 26 Oct, *Kendall* (PAM, JV, SJ, m.ob.). **MC**: 900, UMRNWR, 15 Nov (CKe, OK); 73, HennepinL, 25 Nov (TH); 70, IBHW, 13 Nov (JLs). Reported in 12 counties.

Wood Duck

MC: 590, HennepinL 23 Aug (DFS); 400, LazyR Marina (Carroll Co), 15 Oct (RSp); 326, TCauseRA, 2 Oct (KJM); 113, PeacockM, 3 Sep (JAS). Reported in 71 counties.

Gadwall

EA: 1 Aug (2), HennepinL (DFS); 3 Aug, RollinsSav (EE). **MC**: 2600**,** HL, 10 Nov (FRH), 2300, CONWR, 17 Nov (DDM); 2000, CarlL-C, 9 Nov (DMK); 1500, Emiquon, 15 Nov (CDn); 625, *Carroll,* 10 Nov (KJM). Reported in 54 counties.

American Wigeon

EA: 3 Sep, GreeneVal (MMC). **MC**: 480, HennepinL, 1 Nov (DFS); 200, CarlL-C, 9 Nov (DMK); 100, LazyR Marina (Carroll Co), 16 Oct (RSp). Reported in 36 counties.

American Black Duck

MC: 40, *Clark*, 5 Nov (DSs); 23, HennepinL, 30 Nov (TH, DH). Low numbers. Reported in 32 counties.

Mallard

MC: 40,000, CarlL-C, 26-28 Nov (DMK). 10,000, Emiquon, 22 Nov (CDn); 6200, BraidwoodL, 26 Nov (JBH); 5250, HennepinL, 30 Nov (TH, DHr). Reported in 81 counties.

MOTTLED DUCK

Chau, 29 Aug (ASA:ph, JLe, DDM).

Mottled Duck, left, Lake Chautauqua. Mason County. 29 August 2014. Photo by Andrew Aldrich.

Blue-winged Teal

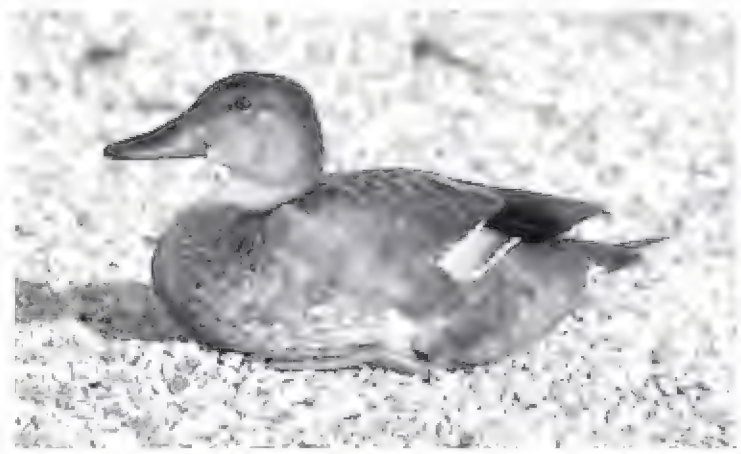
MC: 2500, Chau, 5 Sep (KAM); 1311, ClintonL, 11 Sep (MEF); 600, CarlL-C, 5 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 13 Nov, Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB). Reported in 53 counties.

Northern Shoveler

EA: 1 Aug, HennepinL (DFS); 3 Aug, PeacockM (DFS, JAS, PAM). **MC**: 2000, Chau, 2 Nov (KAM); 1030, 1 Nov (DFS); 800, CarlL-C, 11-16 & 28 Nov (DMK); 600, Emiquon, 15 Nov (CDn); 400, BigL (Brown Co), 26 Oct (CDn). Reported in 53 counties.

Northern Pintail

EA: 14 Aug, BigBend (MDd); 15-18 Aug (2), Moorman SRU (NSy, CWf, m.ob.). **MC**: 3500, Chau, 2 Nov (KAM); 3000, CarlyleL-C, 9 Nov (DMK); 2000, Emiquon, 22 Nov (CDn); 1840, HennepinL 1 Nov (DFS). Reported in 45 counties. Increasing migratory distribution. **Other**: Probable No. Pintail X Gadwall hybrid, LSpfld, 23 Aug (HDB:ph).



Probable Northern Pintail x Gadwall hybrid. Marine Point. Lake Springfield. Sangamon County. 23 August 2014. Photo by H. David Bohlen courtesy of Illinios State Museum, Springfield.

Green-winged Teal

EA: 4 Aug, Fermi (PAM). **MC**: 8000, Chau, 2 Nov (KAM); 3500, BigL (Brown Co), 26 Oct (CDn). Reported in 45 counties.

Canvasback

EA: 18 Oct (12), HennepinL (TH, DHr). **MC**: 7500, *Carroll*, 10 Nov (KJM); 3000, Emiquon, 15 Nov (CDn); 600, CarlL-C, 30 Nov (DMK); 330, HennepinL, 1 Nov (DFS); 300, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 15 Nov (DHh). Reported in 29 counties.

Redhead

EA: 21 Sep, CalPk (WJM); 23 Sep (2), IBSP (ASA); 24 Sep (4), Wauk (AFS); 24 Sep (2) Montrose (DMi, FRM, m.ob.); 4 Oct (2), CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 2100, Lighthouse Beach, Evanston (Cook Co), 6 Nov (RJD); 930, FtSheridan, 29 Oct (MF). Reported in 31 counties.

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 11 Sep (4), PaulDouglas (SSc); 3 Oct (2), CarlL-C (MSS). **MC**: 4000, Emiquon, 15 Nov (CDn); 1330, HennepinL, 1 Nov (DFS); 1000, TwoRivers, 5 Nov (BSf). Reported in 44 counties.

Greater Scaup

EA: 24 Sep (2), Montrose (FRM, MCC, BD, m.ob.). **MC**: 300, IBSP, 28-30 Oct (AFS). Reported in 14 counties.

Lesser Scaup

EA: 5 Oct (6), *Kane* (SAC); 19 Oct (5), CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 1200, CarlyleL-C, 8-9 Nov (DMK); 1250, Emiquon, 5 Nov (CDn); 1000, TwoRivers, 4 Nov (BSf); 400, CalR (Cook Co), 30 Nov (FRM, MMC). Reported in 44 counties.

White-winged Scoters. Lake Charleston. Coles County. 22 October 2014. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Harlequin Duck

EA & MC: 4, NPM, 18 Oct (EWW:ph). **Others**: Wauk (♀), 1 Nov (SDB, BJS, AOS); Evanston, Chi 22-30 Nov (imm ♂) (MMC:ph, FRM, RFr:ph, m.ob.); FoxR (Kane Co) (imm ♂), 9 Nov-31 Jan (PRi, MMC:ph, m.ob.).

Surf Scoter

EA & MC: 13 Oct (4), 87th St Steel Mills (Cook Co) (AG); 13 Oct, *Tazewell* (EC). **MC**: 4, Gillson, 1 Nov (AFS, DBJ, JIN). **Others**: CarlL-C, 31 Oct (DMK:ph); Elgin (Kane Co), 15 Nov (ASA, JLe, m.ob.); L&D 13, 15 Nov (CKe, OK). Reported in 5 counties.

White-winged Scoter

EA: 5 Aug, LMich crib, Chi, (TBL); 14 Sep (3), LMich pelagic (GAW, m.ob.:ph) likely lingering birds and not migrants. **MC**: 9, NPM, 1 Nov (BJS). **Others**: Gillson, 12 Oct (4) (SS); LSpfld, 8 Nov (2) & 14 (4) (FF, CAT, CDn); Shelbyville Dam West Access Area (Shelby Co), 15 Nov (2) (NSy, CWf); O'Fallon WTP, 14 Nov (3) (GHy, CHy, KAM). Reported in 5 counties.

Black Scoter

EA: 10 Oct (2), Gillson (AFS); 26 Oct (3), Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (CDn). **MC**: 8, Gillson, 1 Nov (TWf, AFS); 6, LShel, 8 Nov (TWf, DTW,TDF); 5, Wolf Creek SP (Shelby Co), 8 Nov (TWf, DTW, TDF). **Others**: L&D 13, 11-12 Nov (DTW, EB). LSpfld, 14 Nov (HDB); Montebello (Hancock Co), 15 Nov (DHh); L&D 19, Hamilton (Hancock Co), 16 Nov (AMR). Reported in 8 counties.

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 1 Nov (2), Wauk (AWS:ph, JLe:ph); 1 Nov (♀), LSpfld (HDB); . **Others**: NorthwesternU, Evanston (Cook Co), 30 Nov (CWe); Montrose, 26 Nov (LGM); Oregon D (Ogle Co), 29-30 Nov (ASt, DTW); LSpfld (imm ♀), 14 Nov (HDB). Reported in 4 counties.

Bufflehead

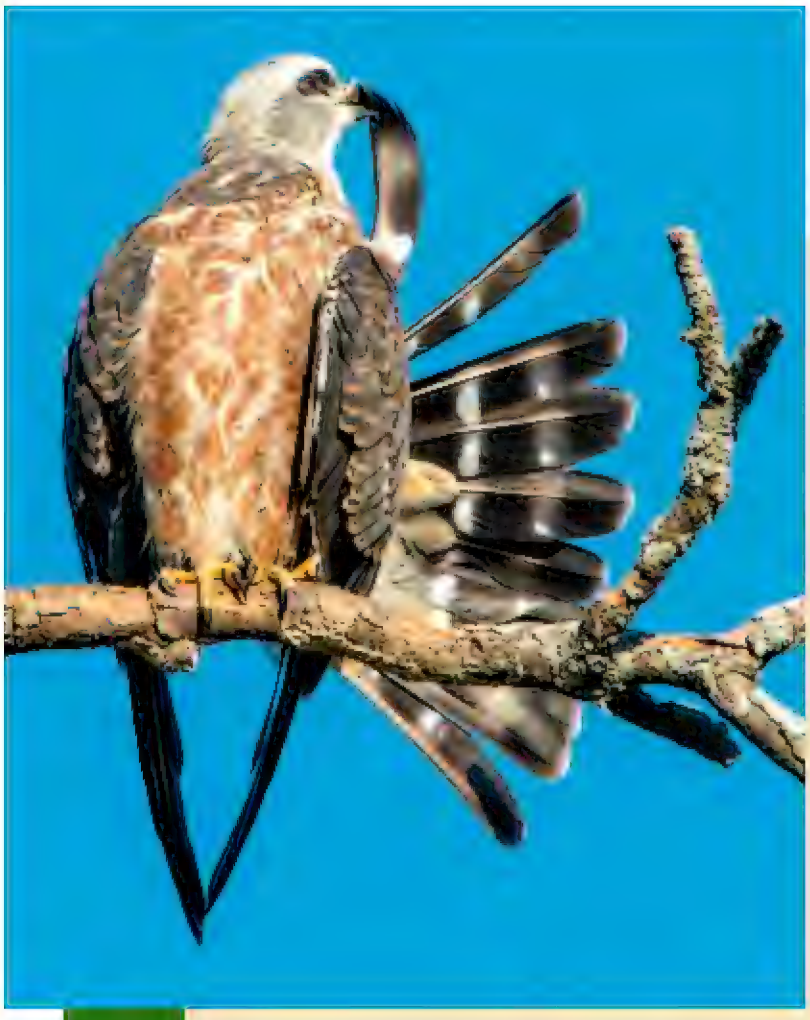
EA: 7 Aug, GreeneVal (JAS;ph); 12 Oct, HennepinL (TH). **MC**: 500, Emiquon, 15 Nov (CDn); 200, CarlyleL-C, 16 & 23 Nov (DMK); 85, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 15 Nov (DHh); 80, TCauseRA, 10 Nov (KJM); 80, HennepinL, 1 Nov (DFS); 80, Sang, 14 Nov (HDB). Reported in 35 counties.

Common Goldeneye

EA: 25 Sep, Montrose (DMi); 28 Oct, Gillson (FRM, JPL). **MC**: 600, CarlL-C, 23 Nov (DMK); 400, Emiquon, 22 Nov (CDn); 330, LSpfld, 29 Nov (HDB). Reported in 37 counties.

Hooded Merganser

MC: 800, Emiquon, 15 Nov (CDn); 400, CarlL, 26 & 27 Nov (DMK); 181, Rte 6 quarry ponds (Will Co), 29 Nov (GAW); 170, RollinsSav, 1 Nov (SDB, BJS, AOS); 120, Sang, 22 Nov (HDB). Reported in 43 counties.



Juvenile Mississippi Kite.
Bloom School. Rockford.
Winnebago County.
7 September 2014.
Photo by John Longhenry.

Cape May Warbler.
Lake Charleston.
Coles County.
26 September 2014.
Photo by Ron Bradley.

Golden-winged Warbler.
Coles County.
21 September 2014.
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Bay-breasted Warbler.
Ashmore. Coles County. 8 September 2014.
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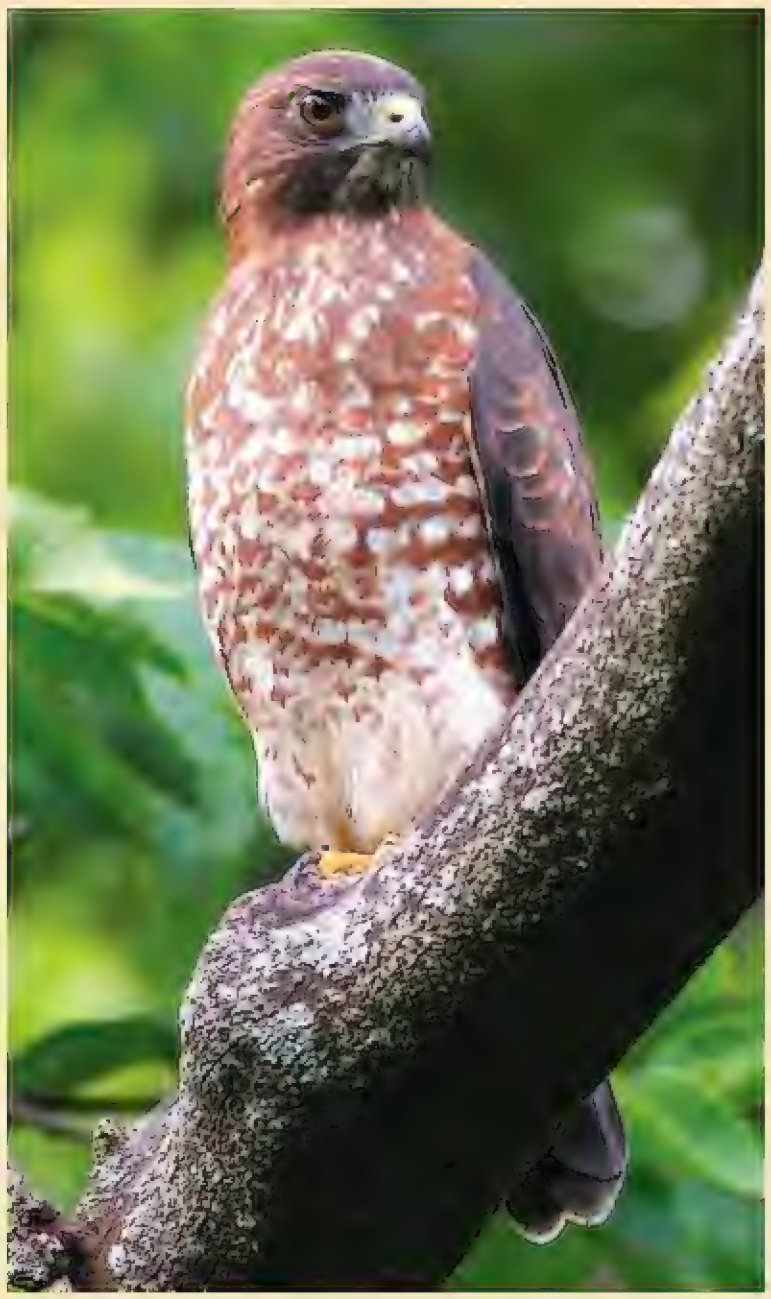

Broad-winged Hawk.
Fox Ridge State Park.
Coles County. 23 August 2014.
Photo by Ron Bradley.

Northern Mockingbird.
Rantoul. Champaign County.
21 October 2014.
Photo by Joel Tucker.

Tree Swallow.
Carlyle water treatment
plant ponds. Clinton County.
5 October 2014.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

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Autumn Colors

Rufous Hummingbird.
St. Charles. Kane County.
13 September 2014.
Photo by Chris Madsen.

Philadelphia Vireo.
Douglas Hart Nature Center. Mattoon.
Coles County. 18 September 2014.
Photo by Ron Bradley.

White-eyed Vireo.
South Shore State Park. Clinton County.
6 September 2014.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Common Merganser
EA: 19 Oct, Lake Forest beach (GAW); 19 Oct (2), Montrose (NB); 14 Nov (2), LSpfld (HDB); 1 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 170, WhalonL, 26 Nov (DKl); 150, HeideckeL SFWA (Grundy Co), 29 Nov (DFS); 140, Montrose, 21 Nov (JIE). Reported in 30 counties.

Red-breasted Merganser
EA: 13 Sep, 87th St. Steel Mills (Cook Co) (AG); 18 Oct (7), NPM (BJS). **MC**: 2500, LMichigan (Lake Co), 1 Nov (SDB, BJS, AOS); 600, 87th St. Steel Mills (Cook Co) (AG); Gillson, 30 Nov (AG); 350, NPM, 1 Nov (BJS). Low numbers and distribution this season. Reported in 19 counties.

Ruddy Duck
MC: 4000, CarlyleL-C, 16 Nov (DMK); 2500, Emiquon, 2165, 15 Nov (CDn); 1795, HennepinL, 1 Nov (DFS); 1008, TCauseRA, 10 Nov (KJM); 1000, TwoRivers, 9 Nov (BSf); 454, Sang, 15 Nov (HDB); 500, CONWR, 8 Nov (JGd). Reported in 56 counties.

Northern Bobwhite
MC: 22, PrRdg-J, 9 Sep (RES); 15, *Edwards*, 15 Oct (RES); 15, PrRdg-M, 4 & 6 Aug (RES); 11, CarlL-C, 2 Aug (DMK:ph); 11, HL, 30 Aug (FRH); 10, *Logan*, 22 Nov (LC). Reported in 35 counties.

Ring-necked Pheasant
MC: 10, SangamonR FP (Champaign Co), 21 Oct (DH); 8, Minonk (Woodford Co), 11 Sep (TH); 8, *Will*, 14 Aug (DZ). Reported in 29 counties.

Greater Prairie-Chicken
MC: 37, PrRdg-J, 30 Oct (RES); 27, PrRdg-M, 22 Oct (RES).

Wild Turkey
MC: 40, Wolf Creek causeway (Williamson Co), 27 Nov (WW); 30, Petersburg (Menard Co), 22 Nov (MMo). Reported in 57 counties.

Eared Grebe. Carlyle water treatment plant ponds. Clinton County. 26 October 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

King Rail. Air Station Prairie, Glenview. Cook County. 8 August 2014. Photo by Bonnie Duman.

Pied -billed Grebe
MC: 177, HennepinL, 2 Oct (TH); 135, Emiquon, 7 Nov (TH); 120, CarlyleL-C, 3 Nov (DMK); 90, Sang, 5 & 21 Nov (HDB). Reported in 63 counties.

Horned Grebe
EA: 29 Aug, Montrose (MCD, BWi); 23 Sep, Monroe H, Chi (JIE); 23 Sep, DYNL (XX); 24 Sep, O'Fallon WTP (St. Clair Co) (GHy, NC). **MC**: 120, CarlyleL-C, 2 Nov (DMK); 1100, Emiquon, 7 Nov (CDn); 88, 87th St. Steel Mills (Cook Co), 21 Oct (AG); 60, CONWR, 20 Nov (DDM); 49, Sang, 8 Nov (HDB). Reported in 39 counties.

Red-necked Grebe
EA: 17 Oct, 87th St Steel Mills (Cook Co) (AG). **MC**: 3, WhalonL, 20 Oct (PAM, DKl:ph, JAS). **Others**: SagSl, 2 Nov, (WSS, CAT, m. ob.); Emiquon, 1-7 Nov (TH); Montrose, 3-13 Nov (MCD, JRRS:ph, LJK, m.ob.); Monroe H, Chi, 3 Nov (LR); NPM, 5-15 Nov (JS, PWS:ph, m. ob.). Reported in 4 counties.

Eared Grebe
MC: 3, CarlL-C sewage ponds, 26 Oct – 1 Nov (DMK:ph, MSS). **Others**: BaldwinL, 5 Nov (JT); O'Fallon WTP 6-14 Nov (KAM, GHy); LSpfld, 4 Nov & 27 Nov (HDB). Reported in 4 counties.

Western Grebe
S Blvd B, Evanston & Rogers Pk B (Cook Co), 26-28 Nov, (ASA:ph, m.ob.); NPM, 27 Nov (AOS, BJS).

Rock Dove
MC: 440, University Cattle Farm, Urbana (NSy); 400, CarlL-C, 27 Sep, 19 & 26 Oct (DMK); 270, Chi 16 Nov (JIN). Reported in 74 counties.

Eurasian Collared-Dove
MC: 25, Pilot Grove (Hancock Co), 29 Nov (DHh); 25, Havana (Mason Co), 20 Sep (AGt); 22, BraidwoodL, 16 Aug (JBH); 22, *Kendall*, 19 Aug (ASA); 20, Farmer City (DeWitt Co), 8 Nov (CWf, NSr); 20, CarlL-C, 11-12 Nov (DMK). Expanding and reported in 56 counties.

Mourning Dove
MC: 600, CarlL-C, 16 Aug (DMK); 435, Bell Bowl Pra (Winnebago Co), 1 Aug (TWf); 250, Havana (Mason Co), 23 Aug (TWf). Reported in 95 counties.

Black-billed Cuckoo
MC: 2, Jarvis, 22 Aug (LGM); 2, Pratt'sWW, HarrierL area, 1 Aug (PAM), likely a breeding pair. **LD**: 4 Oct, BaileyWet (Wayne Co) (CLH). Low numbers--barely detected--reported in 14 counties.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
MC: 5, Sang, 2 Aug (HDB); 5, Chau, 23 Aug & 27 Sep (CDn, AGt); 5, CarlL-C, 13 Sep (PL). **LD**: 12 Oct, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co) (LMr). Reported in 51 counties.

Common Nighthawk
MC: 1364, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 26 Aug (RAB); 350, IBHW, 20 Sep (PWS); 152, *Kankakee,* 17 Sep (JBH); 65, Olney (Richland Co), 27 Aug (CLH). **LD**: 11 Oct, Weaver Pk, Urbana (PB). Reported in 42 counties.

Eastern Whip-poor-will
EA: 1 Sep, GVHW (JAS). **MC**: 2, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (NSy, CWf, PB). **LD**: 21 Sep, Montrose (LM, LJ); 14 Sep, IBSP-S (SDB, BJS, AOS). Reported in 4 counties.

Chimney Swift
MC: 2000, St. Charles (Kane Co), 25 Sep (MMr). **LD**: 23 Oct, Fermi (3) (SK). Reported in 74 counties.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
MC: 142, *Monroe*, 9 Aug (C&PD); 49, *Jackson*, 11 Aug (RR). **LD**: 19 Oct, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (OJ). Reported in 73 counties.

Rufous Hummingbird
East Dundee (Kane Co), 6 Sep-15 Nov, (LD, SAC:ph, BA, FRM:ph, MMC:ph, DKl:ph, m.ob.).

Yellow Rail
EA: 2 Oct, PrRdg-J (RES). The only report,

King Rail
MC: 2, Air Station Pra, Glenview (Cook Co) 6-7 Aug; then one: 8-12 Aug (MMC:ph, ASA:ph, SCn; m.ob.). **LD**: 17 Sep, PrRdg-J (MSr). **Others**: 3 Aug, IBSP (DRD); 8 Sep, GLPSNA (AFS). Reported in 4 counties.

Virginia Rail
MC: 3, *Kane*, 11 Aug (PAM); 3 Blackwell FP (DuPage Co), 13 Aug (PAM). **EA**: 1 Sep, *Jasper* (RES). **LD**: 1 Nov & 11 Oct (2), RollinsSav (SDB, BJS, AOS). Reported in 14 counties.

Marbled Godwit.
Sangamon County. 30 June 2014.
Photo by H. David Bohlen courtesy of
Illinois State Museum. Springfield.

Red Knot. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County.
22 August 2014. Photo by John Picken.

Whimbrel. Montrose. Chicago.
Cook County. 12 July 2014.
Photo by Sam Burckhardt.

Sora

MC: 21, *Wayne*, 22 Aug (RES, CLH); 12, Chau. 28 Sep (CDn); 12, SpgBlf, 23 Aug (AOS, NM); 11, *Ogle*, 23 Aug (DTW); 10, HL, 7 Oct (RAe). **LD**: 1 Nov, RollinsSav (SDB, BJS, AOS). Reported in 28 counties.

PURPLE GALLINULE

HennepinL (imm), 5-6 Sep (DFS, DHh).

Common Gallinule

MC: 23, Emiquon, 20 Sep (CDn); 8, HennepinL, 6 Sep (DHh). **Others**: Fabyan M (6), 5 Aug (PAM, m.ob.). Reported in 4 counties.

American Coot

EA: 16 Sep, Marine Pt, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 30,000, Emiquon, 15 Nov (CDn); 19,200, HennepinL 1 Nov (DFS); 10,250, *Whiteside* (KJM); 3500, L&D 13, 11 Oct (EB); 3000, CarlL-C, 11 Nov (DMK), 2000, DYNL, 7 Nov (JJD); 2000, Meredosia NWR, 26 Oct (CDn). Reported in 55 counties.

Sandhill Crane

MC: 6467, FSHW, 18 Nov (AFS, DRD, APS); 4010, Lake Villa, (Lake Co), 18 Nov (RAB); 3085, JP, 17 Nov (PRC). **Others**: 75, *Carroll*, 10 Nov (KJM); Lee Center (Lee Co) (5), 24 Aug (DHh); *Marion* (2),15 Nov (RES). Reported in 18 counties.

WHOOPING CRANE

EA: 13 Sep, MidFork (PB, NSy, CWf). **MC**: 3, *Winnebago*, 13-14 Nov (Operation Migration). **LD**: 18 Nov, Chi (AH:ph). **Others**: GVHW (2), 17 Nov (VS:ph); BaileyWet (2) (Wayne Co), 25 Nov (CLH).

Black-necked Stilt

EA: 11 July BaileyWet (CLH). **MC**: 6, Beardstown M, 9 July (CDn); 5, Kaskaskia (Randolph Co), 9 Jul (KP); 3, Chau, 3-6 Sep (TH, m.ob.). **LD**: 27 Oct, *Kane*, (SAC:ph, MMC, m.ob.) present since 7 Oct. Reported in 14 counties.

American Avocet

EA: 1 July, Emiquon (CE), 3 Jul, Montrose (MMr:ph, TLC); 11 Jul, *Wayne* (RES:ph, CLH). **MC**: 24, 4 Nov, Montrose (LGM:ph, m.ob.); 23, Chau, 8-11 Oct (AGt, PAM, CDn); 9, HL, 27 Jul (FRH); 7, Bottom Rd (Putnam Co), 1 Aug (DFS); 7, *Wayne*, 18 Aug (RES, CLH). **LD**: 9 Nov (9), Chau (TH, DHr). **Others**: *Williamson*, 5 Sep (JT). Reported in 24 counties.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 24 Jun, WhispWil (2) (JBH:ph). **MC**: 31, Chau, 11 Oct (PAM, m.ob.); 14, IBSP-S, 27 Sep (AFS). **LD**: 7 Nov (5), Chau (CDn, TH). Reported in 16 counties.

American Golden-Plover

EA: 4 Jul, WhispWil (JBH). **MC**: 100, Havana (Mason Co), 1 Sep (TWf). **LD**: 7 Nov, Big L (Brown Co) (CDn). Reported in 20 counties.

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 18-19 Jul, *Wayne* (CLH, RES); 20 Jul (2), Sugar Grove (Kane Co) (BL, SDe); 20 Jul, RollinsSav (BJS). **MC**: 50, Chau, 22 Aug (TAM). **LD**: 15 Oct IBSP (AOS). Reported in 27 counties.

Piping Plover

HL, 1 Sep (FRH, KAM, CMM, JPM). The only report.

Killdeer

MC: 2500, Chau, 29 Aug (ASA, JLe); 676, MomenceSod, 21 Aug (JBH); 500, Schlapp Rd Sod Farm (Kendall Co), 31 Aug (SJ). Reported in 86 counties.

Upland Sandpiper

EA: 13 Jul, Pierce (DeKalb Co) (PAM); 19 Jul, *Whiteside* (SAm); 21 Jul, *Jasper* (RES); 26-28 Jul, Lisbon (Kendall Co) (PAM); *Winnebago* (2), 27 July & one there on 1 Aug (DTW, JCL); *Marion*, 31 Jul (RES). **LD**: 28 Sep, Chau (2) (CDn). **Others**: Montrose, 1 Aug (MMC, JCs); GVFP, 2 Sep (JAS); Oltman-Schuck Apt (Woodford Co), 15 Aug (TH); Dunteman Sod Farm (Kane Co), 4-29 Aug (SAC, PAM, m.ob.); MomenceSod, 10 Aug & 21 Aug (JBH, TWf); Manteno (Kankakee Co), 24 Aug (SZ); Wauk, 29 Aug (BD); Helmar Sod Farm (Kendall Co), 2-29 Aug (SJ, m.ob.). Reported in 13 counties.

Whimbrel

EA: 12 Jul, Montrose (SBB:ph); 9 Aug, GNAS (MCD). **LD**: 12 Sep, Gillson (AFS). **Others**: IBSP-S, 27 Aug (AFS); Wauk, 2 Sep (HS). All reports.

Hudsonian Godwit

EA: 17 Aug (4), Chau (JAS, EGl, PAM). **MC**: 78, Chau 22 Aug (TAM). **LD**: 6 Sep, Chau (3) (AG). Reported only from Chau.

Marbled Godwit

EA: 30 Jun, Montrose (LGM:ph); 30 Jun, LSpfld (HDB:ph); 19 Aug, Fermi (PAM, JAS, MMr, JV); 22 Aug, Chau, (TAM). **MC**: 4, Chau, 30 Aug (PAM, JV) and 1-2 individuals 1-7 Sep, Chau (DKl:ph, m.ob.). **LD**: 7 Sep, Chau (EC). Reported in 3 counties.

Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 18 Aug, Montrose (DKA, LGM, ASA, MCD). **MC**:4, Chau, 30 Aug (PAM, CDn, JV). **LD**: 24 Sep, Wauk (AFS). **Others**: Dunteman Sod Farm (Kane Co), 28 Aug (BA); MomenceSod, 11 Sep (JBH). Reported in 5 counties.

Red Knot

EA & MC: 2, NPM, 19 Aug (AOS); 2, Montrose, 19 Aug (ASA:ph, MMC:ph, m.ob.). **LD**: 21 Sep, Montrose (SP:ph, MCD, LM, LBR). **Others**: Wauk, 28 Aug - 8 Sep (AOS, AWS, BD: ph, AMn:ph, JIN, AFS, m.ob.); Chau, 1-2 Sep (TAM,TWf, AG, AGt); CarlL-C, 12 Sep (MSS, KAM). Reported in 4 counties.

Sanderlings. Lake Springfield, Sangamon County. 12 September 2014. Photo by H. David Bohlen. Courtesy of Illinois State Museum. Springfield.

Stilt Sandpiper

EA: 5 Jul, Emiquon (CDn); 10 July, Gridley WTF (McLean Co) (BMy); 10 July, *Wayne* (RES, MSS). **MC**: 400, Chau, 1 Sep (CDn); 50, L Mauvaise Terre (Morgan Co), 6 Sep (CDn). **LD**: 15 Oct, Mendenhall Pk (Peoria Co) (MHB). Reported in 27 counties.

Sanderling

EA: 17 Jul, Wauk (AWS). **MC**: 83, Montrose, 12 Sep (ASA); 34, NPM, 23 Oct (AFS). **LD**: 29 Nov, JP (RLS, CGi). **Others**: CarlL-C (3), 13 Sep (DMK). Reported in 7 counties.

Dunlin

EA: 5 Sep, Chau (KAM). **MC**: 75 Chau, 2 Nov (KAM); 60, CarlL-C, 18 Oct (DMK); 24, RendL, 24 Nov (DDM); 30, BaileyWet (CLH, RES). **LD**: 25 Nov, NPM (AMn); 25 Nov, Mendenhall Pk (Peoria Co) (EC). Reported in 13 counties. Numbers and distribution seemed very low.

Purple Sandpiper

Once again, conspicuous by their absence since fall of 2011.

Baird's Sandpiper

EA: 15 Jul, Camp Lincoln Ponds, earliest ever for Sang (HDB:ph); 26 Jul (4), *Morgan* (EGl); 27 Jul, Farm Creek (Tazewell Co) (EC). **MC**: 20, Chau, 5 Sep (AGt). **LD**: 2 Oct, Montrose (AFS). Reported in 18 counties.

Least Sandpiper

EA: 25 Jun, AMAX (Wabash Co) (RES, CLH); 29 Jun, Emiquon (TH, DHr). **MC**: 1150, Chau, 28 Sep (CDn); 300, Dredging Ponds (Morgan Co), 5 Sep (CDn). **LD**: 25 Nov, TwoRivers (BSf); 19 Nov, CarlL-C Sewage Ponds (MSS). Reported in 50 counties.

White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: 9 Jul, *Williamson* (JT); 14 Jul, BaileyWet (CLH). **MC**: 6, Chau, 1-2 Sep (NSy, PB, MSr, CWf, TAM, m.ob.). **LD**: 24 Nov, Wauk (Johnson pier) (AMn:ph); 11 Oct, Chau (CDn, PAM). **Others**: Lisbon Rd (Kendall Co) (2), 17 Aug (UWG:ph, DJS). Reported in 7 counties. Scarce this season.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

EA: 27 Jul, Montrose (AFS, RDH:ph). **MC**: 15, Sauk Valley Turf (Whiteside Co), 8 Aug (DHh); 7, Chau, 23 Aug (TWf, TAM); 7, Helmar Sod Farm (Kendall Co), 6 Sep (JRy, SJ). **LD**: 27 Sep (juv), Wauk (AFS). **Others**: Pedigo Sod Farm (3) (Champaign Co), 29 Aug (CWf:ph, m.ob.); GVHW, 1 Sep (JAS); FC Peoria fields (Peoria Co), 14 Sep (EC); EPSP, 26 & 31 Aug (TH, DHr, BMy, PS). Reported in 11 counties.

Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: 21 Jun, Gorham (Jackson Co) (APS, NG). **MC**: 1800, Chau, 17 Aug (EGl). **LD**: 21 Nov, CalPk (WJM). Reported in 45 counties.

Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: 1 Jul, Montrose (KWr); 8 Jul, O'Fallon WTP (GHy). **MC**: 550, Chau, 1 Sep (CDn). **LD**: 14 Oct, Mendenhall Pk (21) (Peora Co) (MHB). Reported in 38 counties.

Western Sandpiper

EA: 16 Aug, Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB); 22 Aug, Chau (TAM); 22 Aug, EPSP (TH,BMy:ph). **MC**: 6, BaileyWet (Wayne Co) 29 Aug (CLH); 3, Dredging Ponds (Morgan Co), 5 Sep (CDn). **LD**: 27-28 Sep , CarlL (MSS, DMK:ph). Reported in 6 counties.

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 5 Jul (2), Emiquon (CDn); 6 Jul (2), AMAX (Wabash Co) (CLH). **MC**: 50, Chau, 29 Aug (ASA, JLe); 20, Chau, 12 & 20 Jul (JV, MMC, JCs). **LD**: 26 Oct, Chau (PAM). Reported in 20 counties.

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 26 Jul, *Morgan* (EGl). **MC**: 205, Chau, 28 Sep (CDn). **LD**: 11 Nov (3), TwoRivers (BSf). Reported in 11 counties.

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 10 Jul, BaileyWet (Richland & Wayne Cos) (RES, CLH); 14 Jul, Sugar Grove (Kane Co) (PAM). **MC**: 37, Pyramid SP (Perry Co) 30 Oct (JGd). **LD**: 30 Nov, GVFP (JAS); 30 Nov, HennepinL (TH, DHr). Reported in 36 counties.

American Woodcock

EA: 25 Aug, IBSP-S (JLs). **MC**: 2, GNAS, 6 Aug (MMC, BD); 2, *Jasper*, 9 Sep (RES); 2 FSHW, 21 & 25 Oct (MF, SCn). **LD**: 26 Nov, JP (PRC). Reported in 17 counties.

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 6 Jul (2), AMAX (Wabash Co) (CLH). **MC**: 20, RollinsSav, 21-25 Jul (BJS, JLe, BWi); 20, Chau, 22 Aug (TAM); 20, Dredging Ponds (Morgan Co), 4 Sep (CDn). **LD**: 31 Oct, NPM (AMn). Reported in 53 counties.

Willet. Gridley Township. McLean County. 12 July 2014. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Solitary Sandpiper
EA: 29 Jun, Emiquon (TH, DHr); 1 Jul, Columbus Pk (Cook Co) (EDG). **MC**: 32, Burnam Pk Pr, 9 Aug (SBB); 25, RollinsSav, 21 Jul (BWi). **LD**: 27 Oct, Prescott Mill Subd. (Kane Co) (RJs, m. ob.); Wauk, 20 Oct (AFS). Reported in 56 counties.

Greater Yellowlegs
EA: 3 Jul (2), AMAX (Wabash Co) (CLH); 5 Jul, Emiquon (CDn); 8 Jul, Montrose (RD). **MC**: 300, Chau, 17 Aug (EGl); 30, BigL (Brown Co), 26 Oct (CDn). **LD**: 9 Nov, Chau (TH, DHr). Reported in 42 counties.

Willet
EA: 1 Jul (3), Montrose (ASA:ph, KW, LJK). **MC**: 18, Montrose, 1 Sep (ASA); 9, CarlL-C, 17 Aug (DMK); 8, RollinsSav, 1 Sep (NM:ph, AOS). **LD**: 2 Sep, IBSP-N (CJ). Reported in 7 counties.

Lesser Yellowlegs
EA: 25 Jun, Jarvis (LGM). **MC**: 1000, Chau, 30 Aug (CDn). **LD**: 25 Nov, *Macoupin* (CDn). Reported in 49 counties.

Wilson's Phalarope
EA: 11-14 Jul, Sugar Grove (Kane Co) (JV, PAM, JJD, MMr:ph). **MC**: 26, Chau, 30 Aug (CDn). **LD**: 11 Oct, Chau (CDn). Reported in 12 counties.

Red-necked Phalarope
EA: 9 Aug (3), Chau (KAM). **MC**: 11, Chau, 30 Aug-1 Sep (CDn). **LD**: 14 Oct, Fermi (DWsr). Reported in 10 counties.

Red Phalarope
EA: 17 Aug, Chau (JAS, PAM, m. ob.). **MC:** 2, CarlL-C, 26 Sep (KAM, CLH). **LD**: 8-11 Nov, JP (RLS, PRC, NT, ASA:ph, JIE:ph, MMC: ph, EGg:vd, m.ob.). First confirmed (by photograph) JP record (a previous 4 Dec 1977 phalarope record near same location might have been this species (pers. comm. PRC). **Others**: HennepinL, 19 Sep (ASA, JLe); GVFP, 22-23 Sep (LM, JIN, ASA:ph, DKl, JAS:ph, m.ob.); Gridley WTP (McLean Co), 16 Sep (CMy & BMy:ph); Tanna (Kane Co), 16 Oct (SAC); HL, 22 Sep (BSf). Reported in 7 counties.

POMARINE JAEGER
Weldon Spring SP (DeWitt Co), 22-23 Nov (BMy:ph, CMy, TH:ph, JLe:ph, RBy:ph, DTW, DHr, TW, MLPR:ph, DWh:ph, TW:ph, m.ob.).

PARASITIC JAEGER
Wauk, 28 Sep (AMn:ph).

Black-legged Kittiwake
L&D 21 (imm), Quincy (Adams Co), 15-16 Nov (AMR).

Sabine's Gull
EA: 7 Sep (4 juv), CarlL-C (DMK, MSS). **MC**: **5** (juv), LSpfld, 13 Sep & 1 juv thru 25 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 18 Oct (2 juv), CarlL-C (DMK, m.ob.). **Others**: Moline (Rock Island Co) (juv), 15 Sep (BCl); LDec (ad), 10 Sep (TAM); 87th St Steel Mills (Cook Co), 13 Sep (AG). Reported in 5 counties.

Red Phalarope. Jackson Park. Chicago. Cook County. 8 November 2014. Photo by Matthew Cvetas.

Parasitic Jaeger. Waukegan Beach. Lake County. 28 September 2014. Photo by Annette McClellan.

Bonaparte's Gull
EA: 18 Jul, CIPS Lk (Jasper Co) (CLH); 3 Aug (3), HL (FRH); 7 Aug, Fermi (PAM, AFS). **MC**: 8000, CarlyleL, 31 Oct (DMK). **LD**: 30 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK); 30 Nov, RendL (400) (JGd); 30 Nov, LShel (25) (TAM); 30 Nov, LSpfld (5) (JMq). Reported in 43 counties.

Laughing Gull
EA: 10 Aug, HL (FRH). **MC**: 3 (1st), EForkL, 15 Oct (RES,CLH); 2 (1st) CarlL-C, 26 Oct (DMK:ph); 2 (ad & 1st), CarlL-C, 19 Oct (DMK). **LD**: 11 Nov, CarlL-C(ad) (DKM). **Others**: Wauk (1st), 24-29 Oct (ASA:ph, DBJ:ph, AOS); CarlL-C (ad), 11 Aug-11 Nov (MSS, DMK:ph, CLH, m.ob.); RendL (Franklin Co), 20 Oct (OJ); Eagle Creek SP, 4 Oct (TAM); CONWR, 19 Aug-19 Oct (PRy:ph, JGr, m.ob.); LShel, 21-30 Sep (TDF, TAM); Emiquon (ad.), 22 Aug (TAM); LSpfld (juv), 10-24 Sep (HDB:ph, CDn); MarinePt, LSpfld (juv), 23-25 Oct (HDB:ph); WhalonL, 10 Oct (JLr). Reported in 12 counties.

Franklin's Gull
EA: 13 Aug (3), TwoRivers (BSf); 17 Aug, Chau (EGl, JAS). **MC**: 500, CarlyL-C, 13 Oct (DMK:ph); 145, CONWR, 25 Oct (DDM). **LD**: 23 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK); 15 Nov, *Hancock* (4) & *Henderson* (DHh). Reported in 25 counties.

Pomarine Jaeger. Weldon Springs State Park. DeWitt County. 22 November 2014. Photo by Colin Dobson.

Pomarine Jaeger. Weldon Springs State Park. DeWitt County. 22 November 2014. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Ring-billed Gull
EA: 15 Jul (14), CIPS Lk (Jasper Co) (CLH). **MC**: 12,000, CarlL-C, 26-30 Nov (DMK); 5000, Borrow Pits (Madison Co), 22 Nov (WCR, DMa, MAMj); 2600, LDec, 11 Nov (CWf, PB, NSr). Reported in 67 counties.

CALIFORNIA GULL
EA: 26-29 Sep & 26 & 31 Oct, West Access Beach & Marina, CarlL-C (1st), (DMK:ph, CDn, MSS, CLH, GAW:ph*). **LD**: 22 Nov, LCal (ad) (SBB, WJM).

Herring Gull
EA: 31 Jul, & all of Aug LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 1000, NPM, 22 Nov (SFr). Reported in 44 counties.

Thayer's Gull
EA: 12 Oct (1st), CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 10, Lake Co Fairgrounds, 28 Nov (AWS). Reported in 7 counties.

Iceland Gull
EA: 21 Oct, FSHW (MF). **Others**: Lake Co Fairgrounds, 28 Nov (AWS).

Lesser Black-backed Gull
EA: 17 Aug-6 Sep, Chau (JAS, TH, DHr, PAM, m.ob.). **MC**: 6, NPM, (BJS). **Others**: L&D 21, Quincy (Adams Co), 28 Nov (AMR); Eastport Marina (Tazewell Co), 29 Oct - 25 Nov (EC, DHr, PF). Reported in 14 counties.

Glaucous Gull
EA: 5-11 Nov, Lighthouse Beach, Evanston (Cook Co) to Montrose (ad) (MMC:ph; SGS:ph, MV:ph, BMn, LGM). **Others**: Mel Price L&D (1st) 30 Nov (JPM, CMM); Rock Island, 20 Nov (SN). Reported in 3 counties.

Great Black-backed Gull
EA: 19 Sep, Wauk (AOS). **MC**: 2, Loyola Beach, Chi, 9 Nov (MV). **Others**: FSHW (juv), 21 Oct (MF); LSpfld (3rd), 28-29 Nov (HDB); Chau, 26 Sep (RG&SNB). Reported in 4 counties.

Least Tern
Bolingbrook (Will Co) (banded bird), 19 Aug (BT:ph); HL, 1 Aug (FRH).

Caspian Tern
EA: 16 Jul (2), CIPS Lk (Jasper Co) (CLH). **MC**: 170, James W. Jardine Water Filtration Plant (Cook Co), 14 Aug (SJH); 70, CarlL-C, 16-17 Aug (DMK:ph); 60, Chau, 17 Aug (EGl); 60, Sang, 3 Aug & 5 Sep (HDB, KAM). **LD**: 28 Sep, Emiquon (PAM); 28 Sep, LSpfld (3) (HDB, BD). Reported in 38 counties.

Black Tern
EA: 3 Aug, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 300, Chau, 30 Aug (PAM, m.ob.); 300, CarlL-C, 30 Aug & 5 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 28 Sep, Chau (CDn). Reported in 26 counties.

Common Tern
EA: 2 July, Marine Pt., LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 50, 87th St. Steel Mills (Cook Co), 13 Sep (AG); 30, CarlL-C, 25 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 19 Oct, CarlL-C (juv) (DMK:ph). Reported in 9 counties.

Forster's Tern
EA: 14 Jul, EForkL (CLH); 18 July, Sangchris (HDB). **MC**: 100, RendL, 18 Sep & 4 Oct (JGd, DDM). **LD**: 16 Nov, CarlL-C (2) (DMK). Reported in 32 counties.

Least Tern. Bolingbrook. DuPage County. 19 August 2014. Photo by Brian Tang.

Red-throated Loon
EA: 10 Oct (4), Gillson (AFS); 12 Oct, HL (KAM, GHy). **MC**: 6, Lake Forest beach (Lake Co), 19 Oct (GAW). **Others**: Emiquon, 11 Nov (CDn); LSpfld, 8 Nov (CDn); LShel, 8 Nov (DTW, TDF); CarlyleL-C, 22 Nov (juv), 23 Nov (2 juvs) (DMK). Reported in 6 counties.

Pacific Loon
IBSP-S, 8 Nov (AFS). The only report.

Common Loon
EA: 14 Sep, LMichigan pelagic (GAW, m. ob.: ph); 10 Oct, Gillson (AFS); 15 Oct, EForkL (RES). **MC**: 44, Sang, 8 Nov (HDB); 43, ClintonL, 8 Nov (BMy, CMy); 40, CarlyleL-C, 9 Nov (DMK); 39, LShel, 8 Nov (TDF). Reported in 29 counties.

Double-crested Cormorant
MC: 20,000, CarlyleL-C, 31 Aug & 13 Sep (KAM); 2000, RendL 20 Oct (OJ); 864, PLNWR, 9 Oct (KJM); 710, Lake Villa (Lake Co) (RAB). Reported in 63 counties.

American White Pelican
MC: 10,000, CarlyleL-C, 21-22 Sep & 27-28 Sep & 11 Oct (DMK); 5000, Chau, (JP); 3000, TwoRivers, 11 Nov (BSf). Reported in 50 counties.

American Bittern
EA: 31 Aug, Air Station Pra (Cook Co) (HS). **MC**: 2, Montrose, 8 Oct (JPL); 2, CarlL-C, 25 Sep (GHy). **LD**: 23 Oct, FSHW (MF). **Others**: Crawford Co CA, 9 Oct (CLH). Reported in 11 counties.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. Fermilab. DuPage County. 7 September 2014. Photo by Marion Miller.

Little Blue Heron with a crawfish. Lake Charleston. Coles County. 2 September 2014. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Least Bittern
MC: 3, WhalonL, 8 & 12 Aug (SFd, JAS). **LD**: 1 Nov, Emiquon (CDn:ph). Last November record for this species was 3 Nov, 1997 with only three other November records for the state. Reported in 10 counties.

Great Blue Heron
MC: 200, CarlL-C, 16 & 31 Aug (DMK); 50, Chau, 17 Aug (EGl). Reported in 82 counties.

Great Egret
MC: 600, Chau, 17 Aug (EGl); 600, CarlL-C 16 & 31 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 29 Nov, Brandon Rd Quarries (Will Co) (GAW:ph). **Others**: LP-NoP, 30 Sep-28 Oct (JIN, m.ob.). Reported in 69 counties.

Snowy Egret
MC: 28, Levee Rd W of Fountain Bluff (Jackson Co), 31 Aug (JGd); 12, Chau, 30 Aug (CDn). **LD**: 13 Oct, HL (FRH). Reported in 15 counties.

Mississippi Kite. Sangamon County. 26 August 2014. Photo by H. David Bohlen courtesy of Illinois State Museum, Springfield.

Mississippi Kite feeding annual cicada to juvenile. Rockford. Winnebago County. 31 August 2014. Photo by John Longhenry.

Little Blue Heron
MC: 44, Neunert Rd (Jackson Co), 22 Aug (JT); 40, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 8 Aug (C&PD). **LD**: 2 Oct (4), HL (FRH). Reported in 23 counties.

Cattle Egret
MC: 7, Emiquon, 23 Aug (JCs, EK). **LD**: 11 Nov, S Lk pastures (Menard Co) (JH). **Others**: EForkL, 13 Oct (CLH). Reported in 9 counties.

Green Heron
MC: 15, Wadsworth Wet (Lake Co), 21 Aug (BSk, NSt). **LD**: 27 Oct, LP-NoP (JIN). Reported in 54 counties.

Black-crowned Night-Heron
MC: 15, LincPk, 2 Aug (SJH); 14, AlmondM, 17 Sep (AOS). **LD**: 30 Nov, LincPk, Chi (RDn). Reported in 21 counties.

Immature Northern Goshawk. Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve. Lake County. 1 November 2014. Photo by Beau Schaefer.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
MC: 2, Kaufman Pk (Champaign Co), 11-15 Aug (NSy, DE, m.ob.). **LD**: 19 Oct, Fermi (GP:ph, m.ob.). **Others**: BaileyWet (imm), 15 Aug (CLH). Reported in 5 counties.

WHITE IBIS
BaileyWet (imm), 10-22 Jul (CLH, RES, MSS, FRM, APS).

White-faced Ibis
MC: 3, CarlL-C, 19-20 Sep (TN:ph).

Plegadis, sp?
MC: 11, Chau, 20 Sep (MMr). **LD**: 14-15 Nov, SpgBlf & IBSP-N (ASA, PWS, AMn, JOS).

Black Vulture
MC: 21, *Massac*, 22 Nov (CAT); 20, RendL , 15 Oct (RDn). **Others**: FSHW, 19 Oct (AWS). Reported in 11 counties.

Turkey Vulture
MC: 200, Governor Bond L (Bond Co), 22 Nov (MSg); 120, CarlL-C, 9 Nov (DMK); 147, FSHW, 4 Oct (AWS, FRM); 100, Chi, 17 Oct (SJH); 53, LTFP, 23 Sep (KJM). Reported in 90 counties.

Osprey
EA: **MC**: 23, FSHW, 21 Sep (AWS); 10, CarlL-C, 21 Sep (DMK); 9, GVHW, 21 Sep (JAS). **LD**: 28 Nov, Lake in the Hills (McHenry Co) (DN); 15 Nov, ClintonL (KAM). Reported in 49 counties.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE
[*Monroe*, 21 Aug (C&PD), this observation is under review by IORC; another near Quincy (Adams Co), 30 Aug is a one observer undocumented sighting.]

Mississippi Kite
MC: 15, *Alexander,* 18 Aug (OJ); 9, *Williamson,* 10 Aug (JT), 8, *Union*, 1 Sep (JB); 7, Hickory Ridge Rd (Jackson Co), 9 Aug (RSR); 5, Winnebago, 2 Sep (JCL); 5, HL, 15 Aug (BP, DBt). **LD**: 11 Sep, C'dale Res. (Jackson Co) (JT). Reported in 9 counties.

Bald Eagle
EA: 1 Sep, IBHW (AFS); 1 Sep (2), GVHW (JAS). **MC**: 32, Lacon Marina (Marshall Co), 22 Nov (MHB); 32, Chau, 2 Nov (KAM); 31, QC, 28 Nov (KJM). Reported in 74 counties.

Northern Harrier
MC: 30, CarlL-C, 11 Nov (DMK); 24, IBHW, 8 Oct (PWS). Reported in 56 counties.

Sharp-shinned Hawk
EA: 30 Aug, NygrenWet (ABe). **MC**: 240, IBHW, 17 Oct (JRRS, PWS, VOB); 70, FSHW, 5 Oct (FRM); 65, GVHW, 6 Oct. Reported in 53 counties.

Cooper's Hawk
MC: 13, IBHW, 8 Oct (PSW); 13, GVHW, 21 Sep (JAS). Reported in 70 counties.

Northern Goshawk
EA: 8 Oct, IBHW (AFS, JPL, PWS). **Others**: GVHW, 13 Nov (JAS); GVHW, 27 Nov (JAS); Axehead L FP (Cook Co), 21 Nov (AFS); FSHW, 18 Oct (AWS); RollinsSav (imm), 1 Nov (SDB, BJS:ph, AOS); IBHW, 19 Oct (CSl); IBHW, 29 Oct (AFS). All reports in 3 counties.

Red-shouldered Hawk
EA: 18 Sep (imm), JP (RLS); 13 Sep, 87th St. Steel Mills (Cook Co) (AG). **MC**: 5, CarlL-C, 6 Oct (KAM); 5, MermetL, 14 Sep (CC). Reported in 46 counties.

Rare dark morph juvenile Swainson's Hawk. Illinois Beach State Park. Lake County. 20 September 2014. Photo by Scott Ellis.

Adult Golden Eagle. Limestone Township. Kankakee County. 30 November 2014. Photo by Gary Soper.

Broad-winged Hawk

MC: 1166, GVHW, 17 Sep (JAS); 771, RockCut, 14 Sep (JCL); 316, GVHW, 16 Sep; 300, St. Charles (Kane Co), 17 Sep (ASA, KAM, m.ob.); 50, *Rock Island*, 23 Sep (KJM). Reported in 40 counties.

Swainson's Hawk

EA: 20 Sep (rare dark morh juv), IBHW (PSW, JRy, BJS, SE:ph, EE, ASz) and seen later in Chi (SJH). **LD**: 5 Oct, GVHW. **Others**: IBHW (juv), 21 Sep (TWf, AFS, CWr, KML).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 98, IBHW, 8 Oct (PWS); 71, FSHW, 8 Nov (AWS); 70, FSHW, 20 Oct (ASA). Reported in 82 counties.

Rough-legged Hawk

EA: 12 Oct, GlacialPk (DN). **MC**: 4, IBHW, 28 Oct (JPL); 4, GVHW, 27 Nov; 4, CarlL-C, 28 Nov (DMK). Reported in 30 counties.

Golden Eagle

EA: 16 Sep (ad) GVHW. **MC**: 2, GVHW, 4 Oct. **Others**: VoloBog, 26 Oct (TK); Lehigh (Kankakee Co), 30 Nov (GS:ph); ClintonL, 11 Nov (imm) (WCR); Libertyville (Lake Co) (imm), 12 Nov (JOS); FSHW (imm), 13 Nov (TDe); GVHW (2nd yr), 19 Oct (m.ob.); GVHW (imm), 26 Oct; GVHW (2nd yr), 9 Nov (JAS, VS); GVHW (imm), 29 Oct (JAS). Reported in 4 counties.

Barn Owl

MC: 3, *Marion* (1 ad, 2 imm), 18 Aug - 11 Oct (CLH, RES). **LD**: 15 Nov, *Marion* (2 imm) (RES). **Others**: Havana (Mason Co), 9 Aug (KWa); *Edwards* (juv), 11 Sep (RES); *DuPage,* 1 Sep (KW, GP). Reported in 4 counties.

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 3, Thomson Causeway - Hickory Pt. (Carroll Co), 9 Nov (EB). Reported in 30 counties.

Great Horned Owl swimming at Loyola Beach. Chicago. Cook County. 30 November 2014. Photo by Steve Spitzer. See back cover for photo of the owl after it emerged from swimming.

Great Horned Owl

MC: 11, *Lake*, 11 Oct (SDB, BJS, AOS); 3, Winnebago, 7 Sep (CA); 3, Skokie Lagoons, 5 Aug (SCn); 3, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 26 Aug (PAM); 3, Blackwell FP,--McKee M (DuPage Co), 14 Aug (PAM); 3, *Kendall*, 26 Nov (PAM); 3, Perry Farms, 10 Oct & 6 Nov (JBH). Reported in 37 counties.

Snowy Owl

EA: 1 Nov, O'Hare Intl. Apt (Cook Co) (ADS). **Others**: *Boone*, 11 Nov (LHe); Wauk, 28 Nov (RNE); Genoa (DeKalb Co) (2, ad & imm), 14 Nov – 6 Dec (KML, DS, m.ob.); Byron (Ogle Co), 30 Nov - 1 Dec (DTW); Minonk (Woodford Co), 30 Nov (*fide* DBn); *Iroquois*, 29 Nov (GS:ph, JBH); Dalton (Macon Co), 8 Nov (TAM, DTW:ph, m.ob.). Kick-start to an "echo" irruption.

Barred Owl

MC: 5, CarlL-C, 13 Sep (JWE). Reported in 51 counties.

Long-eared Owl

EA: 19 Nov, Montrose (LGM). The only report.

Short-eared Owl

EA: 21 Sep, *McHenry* (KML); 21 Sep, IBSP-S (BJS). **MC**: 3, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co), 8 Nov (SZ); 3, Universal State Line Road (Edgar Co), 7 Nov (GT). Reported in 13 counties with detections in southernmost counties of *Bond*, *Wayne*, and *Edgar*.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

EA: 11 Oct & 1 Nov, Pine Dunes FP (Lake Co) (BJS, SDB, AOS); 17 Oct, SBBO (9) (JCL). **MC**: 13, SBBO, 18 Oct (JCL) different owls than 9 banded arrivals on 17 Oct. Reported in 7 counties.

Snowy Owl. Dora Township. Macon County. 8 November 2014. Photo by Dan Williams.

Merlin. Sidney. Champaign County. 1 September 2014. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Merlin. Douglas-Hart Nature Center. Mattoon. Coles County. 25 September 2014. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 6, *Lake*, 11 Oct (SDB, BJS, AOS); 4, in *McHenry, Cook, Dewitt & Coles*. Reported in 68 counties.

Red-headed Woodpecker

MC: 80, CarlL-C, 21 Sep (DMK, MSS); 24, HennepinL, 2 Aug (DTW); 17, LTFP, 23 Sep (KJM); 16, Chau, 24 Aug (PAM). Reported 72 counties.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 36, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 25, StarvedRock, 13 Nov (JNe); 22, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS). Reported in 88 counties.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: 7 Sep, Jarvis (ASr); 27 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 29, NPBW, 8 Oct (GAW, SPH). **Others**: Blackthorn Hill NP, Galesburg (Warren Co) (8), 7 Oct (BN). Reported in 60 counties.

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 44, *Carroll,* 10 Nov (KJM); 24, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS); 22, CarlL-F, 5 Oct (MSS); 14, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 25 Nov (JRRS); 14, Sangamon River FP (Champaign Co), 21 Oct (TH). Reported in 88 counties.

Olive-sided Flycatcher. Eldon Hazlet State Park. Clinton County. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 23, *Carroll*, 10 Nov (KJM); 10, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 19 Aug (PAM); 7, Oxbow Pra, Bunker Hill FP (Cook Co), 23 Nov (JPL); 7, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS). Reported in 73 counties.

Northern Flicker

MC: 30, Big Island (Rock Island Co), 5 Oct (NH); 30, CarlL-C, 21 Sep (DMK); 29, TCauseRA, 2 Oct (KJM); 25, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 23 Sep (DKs); 22, Leslie Rutherford Pk (Peoria Co), 28 Sep (EC); 22, Camp Wokanda (Peoria Co), 10 Oct (MHB). Reported in 84 counties.

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 7, LTFP 23 Sep (KJM); 4, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS); 4, Mendenhall Pk (Peoria Co), 19 Nov (MHB); 4, CarlL-F, 25 Sep (MSS); 4, HeronPond, 14 & 30 Aug (CCd, CWf, NSy); 4, PineHills, 31 Aug (CWf, NSy, MSr); 4, CONWR 10 Nov (DDM). **Others**: DeerGrove, 25 Oct (monitor ob.); MArb, 11 Aug – 29 Nov (JeZ, MN, m.ob.). Reported in 58 counties.

American Kestrel

MC: 12, *Edwards*, 8 Nov (RES); 11, *Bond* 21 Aug (MSS). Reported in 82 counties.

Merlin

EA: 14 Aug, Montrose (LGM:ph); 20 Aug, Baker'sL (Cook Co) (CF); 21 Aug, MomenceSod (JBH); 23 Aug, Nauvoo (Hancock Co) (DHh); 23 Aug, Chau (SZ). **MC**: 117, IBHW, 8 Oct (PWS, JSw, CWr, KML). **LD**: 20 Nov, IBHW(2) (JK,RDJ); 18 Nov FSHW (AFS, DRD, APS); 17 Nov, GVHW (JAS, MBc). Reported in 36 counties. Increasing numbers and earlier fall arrivals.

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 12, IBHW, 20 Sep (JRRS, PWS); 11, FSHW, 3 Oct (MF, DRD); 11, IBHW, 8 Oct (PWS). **Others**: Bay View Bridge, Quincy (Adams Co), 30 Nov (PJR). Reported in 32 counties.

PRAIRIE FALCON

EA: 16 Sep, GVHW (VS, m.ob.); 25 Oct- 8 Feb, *Coles* (TDF*:ph, m. ob.) two falcons up until 4 Feb 2015; Judson University (Kane Co), 5 Oct, (EES*:ph).

Monk Parakeet

MC: 55, Ave L, Chi, 30 Nov (FRM, MMC); 18, Elmhurst (DuPage Co) 12 Nov (GP). **Others**: Geneva (Kane Co), 4-11 Nov (ASA, SAC, JLg, BA). Reported in 3 counties.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 8 Aug, HennepinL, (TH); 10 Aug, Mascoutin RA (DeWitt) (EWr); 11 Aug, Elsens Hill (PAM). **MC**: 3, TheGrove, 31 Aug (JRy); 2, CarlL-C, 30 Aug (DMK:ph). **LD**: 23 Sep, Raven Glen FP (Lake Co) (JLs). Reported in 24 counties.

Short-eared Owl. DeKalb County. 20 November 2014. Photo by Karen Lund.

Eastern Wood-Pewee

MC: 42, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 24, CarlL-C, 13 Sep (JWE); 18, CarlL-F, 8 Sep (MSS); 16, Merwin NP (McClean Co), 9 Sep (TH). **LD**: 18 Oct, LLCC (VMK); 18 Oct, Riverbend (PB). Reported in 74 counties.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 28 July, Montrose (LGM:ph); 3 Aug, Red Hill SP (Lawrence Co); 9 Aug, SBBO (JCL). **MC**: 4, Red Hill SP, 29 Aug (CLH); 3, Montrose, 19 & 22 Aug (MCD); 3, EwingP (McClean Co), 31 Aug (MJW); 3, CarlL-F, 19 Sep (MSS); 3, Little Wabash R Levee (Edwards Co), 20 Sep (RES). **LD**: 28 Sept, MArb (MN). Reported in 28 counties.

Acadian Flycatcher

MC: 7, PineHills, 8 Aug (JT). **LD**: 11 Oct, PineHills (PP). Reported in 25 counties.

Alder Flycatcher

EA: 2 Aug, Fermi (GP); 15 Aug, Sangchris (HDB). **MC**: 2, TheGrove, 14 Sep (ASz); 2, Elsens Hill, 12 Sep (PAM); 2, Detweiller Pk, 17 Sep (MHB). **LD**: 20 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK). Reported in 10 counties.

Willow Flycatcher

MC: 6, Fermi, 1 Aug (PAM). **LD**: 13 Sep, SpringLk, UMRNWR (EB); 13 Sep, Montrose (GAW); 13 Sep, Cinder Flats, LSpfld (2), (HDB). Reported in 25 counties.

Least Flycatcher

EA: 5 Jul, Jarvis (LGM:ph); 17 Jul, LincGrdns (HDB). **MC**: 5, Springbrk, 27 Sep (AP); 5, Montrose, 13 Sep (GAW); 5, NPBW, 27 Aug (JIN, GAW); 5, JJDFP, 3 Sep (JJD); 5, EwingP, 31 Aug (MJW); **LD**: 13 Oct, TheGrove (JPL). Reported in 35 counties.

Eastern Phoebe

MC: 20, CarlL-C, 28 Sep (DMK). Reported in 77 counties.

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

LLCC, 29-30 Sep (banded) (VMK*ph, TR, HDB*:ph). Second Sangamon County record.

Ash-throated Flycatcher. Lincoln Land Community College. Springfield. Sangamon County. 30 September 2014. Photo by H. David Bohlen, courtesy Illinois State Museum, Springfield.

Ash-throated Flycatcher being banded at Lincoln Land Community College. Springfield. Sangamon County. 29 September 2014. Photo by Wayne Huckabee.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. Steelworkers Park (Park #523). Chicago. Cook County. 20 October 2014. Photo by Joshua Little.

Great Crested Flycatcher

MC: 7, Elsens Hill, 1 Aug (PAM); 7, Pratt'sWW--Harrier L (PAM). **LD**: 28 Sep, Weaver Pk, Urbana (CWf). Reported in 55 counties.

Western Kingbird

Madison Co Transit Trl, 18 Aug (JLbr); *St Clair*, 7 Aug (KAM). **LD**: 10-11 Oct, Steelworkers Pk #523 Chi (EDG, AG, ASA:ph, MMC, CAT,WJM).

Eastern Kingbird

MC: 60, CarlL-C, 6-7 Sep (KAM, DMK); 23, LakeVilla (Lake Co), 23 Aug (RAB). **LD**: 7 Oct, TwoRivers (BSf); 1 Oct (3), *McHenry* (PK). Reported in 77 counties.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

MC: 4, Stringtown Rd (Monroe Co), 4 Sep (GH:ph). **LD**: 20 Oct, Steelworkers Pk #523 Chic. (ASA;ph, JLe:ph). **Others**: ClearL Rd appox. 5 mi. east of Beardstown (Cass Co), 14 Oct (KJ:ph).

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 4 (family group), *Jo Daviess,* 9 Aug (DTW, EB); 3, *Wayne*, 11 Oct (RES, CLH); 3, *Edwards*, 16 Aug – 13 Sep (RES, CLH); otherwise reported as singles or pairs in 10 other counties including *Rock Island, Bond, Clay, Jackson, Jasper, Marion, Perry, Richland, Wabash, and Alexander* with the latest at Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 29 Nov (DDM).

Northern Shrike

EA: 17 Oct, IBHW (AWS m.ob.:ph). **Others**: McHenryD (McHenry Co), 8 Nov (KML, SI); MidSav, 2 Nov (JEv); LowdMil, 30 Nov (PAM); HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS); Peabody, 22 & 29 Nov (WCR, DKM:ph, m.ob.). Reported in 12 counties.

White-eyed Vireo

MC: 9, PineHills, 19 Sep (NMh); 6, Silver Creek Preserve (St. Clair Co), 8 Sep (GHy). **LD**: 25 Oct, Montrose (DKA:ph, MCD); 12 Oct, *Richland* (CLH). Reported in 35 counties.

Bell's Vireo

MC: 4, Pratt'sWW, 16 Aug (KW, GP); 4, HL, 20 Aug (DKl, LY). **LD**: 17 Sep, *Madison* (NW). **Others**: Rockford Apt, 20 Aug (JCL:ph). Reported in 15 counties.

Yellow-throated Vireo

MC: 4, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 4, Watershed NC, Edwardsville (Madison Co) 16 Sep (NW); 4, CarlL-F, 8 Sep (MSS). **LD**: 8 Oct, Peoria (EC); 5 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK). Reported in 43 counties.

Blue-headed Vireo

EA: 6 Sep, McDowell Grove FP & Elsens Hill (LY); 6 Sep, Tyler Creek FP (Kane Co) (WL). **MC**: 3, Montrose, 10 Oct (HG); 3, Elsens Hill, 4 Oct (JV); 3, HomerL, 20 Sep (NSy, CWf); 3, CP, Spfld, 2 Oct (HDB); 3, Blackthorn Hill NP, Galesburg (Warren Co), 7 Oct (BN). **LD**: 25 Oct, Riverbend (CWf); 25 Oct, CarlL-C (2) (DMK:ph). Reported in 31 counties.

Philadelphia Vireo

EA: 19 Aug, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co.) (PAM); 21 Aug, Montrose (SBB). **MC**: 12, LTFP, 23 Sep (KJM); 6, CarlL-C, 20 Sep (DMK); 5, Sang, 28 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 12 Oct, TheGrove (ASz). Reported in 33 counties.

Warbling Vireo

MC: 20, CarlL-C, 7 Sep (DMK); 11, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 11, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 23 Sep (RAB). **LD**: 29 Sep, Sang (HDB); 28 Sep, CarlL-C (2) (DMK); 25 Sep, NPBW (JIN). Reported in 57 counties.

Red-eyed Vireo

MC: 40, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 30, CarlL-C, 7 Sep (DMK); 22, ClintonL, 5 Sep (MEF); 20, EwingP, 30 Aug (WKb). **LD**: 1 Nov, Carpenter D (Kane Co) (BL:ph). Reported in 62 counties.

Blue Jay

EA: 4 Sep, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 300, CarlL-C (DMK); 103, TCauseRA, 2 Oct (KJM); 80, MArb (J & RS, JeZ); 57, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM). Reported in 96 counties. A good migration season.

American Crow

MC: 438, JP (PRC); 361, *Carroll*, 10 Nov (KJM); 350, Champaign, 13 Nov (NS). Reported in 97 counties.

Fish Crow

MC: 22, *Clinton*, 2 Sep (MSS); 14, Chutes area south of Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 31 Aug (JGd); 11, RendL-F, 16 Oct (JT). **LD**: 22 Oct, CONWR (JGd). Reported in 14 counties.

Horned Lark

MC: 600, CarlL-C, 16 & 28 Nov (DMK); 240, SantaFe, 17 Nov (MSS); 140, MomenceSod, 30 Aug (JBH); 120, Kelly Rd (Winnebago Co), 16 Nov (AW). Reported in 67 counties.

Purple Martin

MC: 300, Ayers Sand Pra NP (Carroll Co), 22 Aug (PB); 250, LSpfld, 3 Aug (HDB); 83, Montrose, 9 Aug (LGM). **LD**: 16 Sep, Montrose (LGM); 16 Sep, CarlL-C (11) (MSS); 14 Sep, RollinsSav (SDB, BJS, AOS); 14 Sep, LSpfld (HDB). Reported in 46 counties.

Tree Swallow

MC: 80,000, CarlL-C, 12-19 Oct (DMK). **LD**: 22 Nov, Petersburg (Menard Co) (10) (MMo). Reported in 76 counties.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

MC: 1200, TwoRivers, 1 Aug (DMK); 500, Chau, 7 Sep (EC); 410,HennepinL, 19 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 9 Nov, Mill Creek Lk (Clark Co) (SLa); 28 Oct, IBSP-N (JPL). Reported in 55 counties.

Bank Swallow

MC: 800, TwoRivers, 1 Aug (DMK); 455, KankakeePks, 19 Aug (JBH). **LD**: 13 Oct, HL (DBt). Reported in 48 counties.

Immature Northern Shrike. Montrose. Chicago. Cook County. 19 October 2014. Photo by Steve Jenear.

Cliff Swallow

MC: 400, CarlL-C, 16 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 10 Oct, CarlL-CL (DMK). Reported in 66 counties.

Barn Swallow

MC: 1200, CarlL-C, 20 Sep (DMK); 500, Chau, 1 Sep (TWf, AG); 400, HL, 7 Aug (FRH). **LD**: 27 Oct, CONWR (RPl); 25 Oct, Rockford (2) (DC). Reported in 87 counties.

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 40, CarlL-C, 7 Sep (DMK); 30, PineHills (TBu). Reported in 32 counties.

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 91, *Carroll*, 10 Nov (KJM); 38, Ryerson, 13 Sep (DFS); 35, La Grange Park, SaltCrk Trl, 27 Nov (MSl); 34, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS). Reported in 58 counties.

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 40, CarlL-C, 7 & 20 Sep (DMK); 35, SRSF, 25 Nov (GEN); 25, LincGrdns, 24 Nov (APa). **Others**: LoyolaPk (2), 9 Nov (MV); LincolnPk (2), 9 Aug (JIN). Reported in 83 counties.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 2 Aug, *Champaign* (ZS); 6 Aug, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (BJS); 14 Aug, Elsens Hill (PAM). **MC**: 4, *Winnebago,* 30 Nov; *Lake,* 25 Sep; *Cook,* 14 Sep; *DuPage,* 23 Sep. **Others**: CarlL-F, 30 Nov (DMK); *Williamson*, 20-23 Sep (JGd), L Glendale RA (Pope Co), 18 Oct (JSr); *Alexander*, 4 Oct (AWr). Reported in fewer counties (26) and lower numbers than last season (2013).

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 40, CarlL-F, 8 Sep (MSS); 32, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 20, StarvedRock, 6 Sep (FR); 20, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS). Reported in 89 counties.

Brown Creeper

EA: 9 Aug, SBBO (HY) (JCL); 23 Aug, Big River SF (Henderson Co) (DHh); 31 Aug, *Kankakee* (LMr). **MC**: 14, *Carroll*, 10 Nov (KJM); 10, Montrose, 10 & 22 Oct (SDB & NWk resp); 10, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS). Reported in 53 counties.

House Wren

MC: 26, Elsens Hill, 12 Aug (PAM); 26, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 18 Aug (PAM); 16 SBBO, 30 Aug (JCL); 13, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM). **LD**: 25 Oct, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS). Reported in 61 counties.

Marsh Wren. Robert Ridgway Grasslands. Jasper County. 14 August 2014. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 21 Sep, Elsens Hill (PAM); 21 Sep, Watershed NC, Edwardsville (Madison Co) (EDk). **MC**: 63, Montrose, 22 Oct (NWk); 27, Thorn Creek NP (Will Co), 27 Oct (SZ); 27, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 19 Oct (OJ). Reported in 56 counties.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 7 Sep (2), TheGrove (ASz); 16 Sep, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 300, CarlL-C, 11 Oct (DMK:ph); 60, Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 5 Oct (SAC). Reported in 54 counties.

Eastern Bluebird

MC: 44, *Carroll*, 10 Nov (KJM); 41, *Menard*, 19 Oct (MM); 31, *Edwards*, 8 Nov (RES); 30, CarlL-C, 27 Sep & 19 Oct (CDn, DMK). Reported in 80 counties.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

EA: 13 Nov, CBG (AFS*); 15 Nov, near Schapville (Jo Daviess Co) (RMs:ph).

Veery

EA: 21 Aug, Montrose (GAW); 27 Aug, RSPk (HDB). **MC**: 8, Hidden Lakes Trout Farm, Bolingbrook (Will Co), 12 Sep (SFd). **LD**: 28 Sep, Douglas Pk, Chi (EDG, AG); 28 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK); 20 Sep, Sang (HDB). Reported in 21 counties.

Gray-cheeked Thrush

EA: 29 Aug, Montrose (BWi); 6 Sep, *McClean* (AW); 6 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK); 7 Sep, CP (2) (HDB). **MC**: 9, JP, 26 Sep (RLS). **LD**: 18 Oct, SBBO (JCL, ASz). Reported in 25 counties.

Winter Wren. Busey Woods. Urbana. Champaign County. 19 October 2014. Photo by Jeff Bryant.

Swainson's Thrush

EA: 16 Aug, Brezina Woods FP (Cook Co) (DFS); 28 Aug, Sang (HDB); 31 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 343, BraidwoodL, 17 Sep (JBH). **LD**: 23 Oct, Bemis Woods FP-N (2) (LP). Reported in 50 counties.

Hermit Thrush

EA: 5 Sep, Chic (DKA). **MC**: 40, Montrose, 8 Oct (ASA, DKl); 26, *Lake*, 11 Oct (SDB, BJS, AOS); 20, RockCut, 8 Oct, (JCL). Reported in 43 counties.

Wood Thrush

MC: 7, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 6, Elsens Hill, 2 Aug (PAM); 5, Loud Thunder FP, 1 Aug (DHh); 4, DanWright Wds FP (Lake Co), 14 Sep (SDB, BJS, AOS); 4, CarlL-C, 6 Sep

Winter Wren

EA: 6 Sep, Highland Pk (Lake Co) (JRy). **MC**: 17, JP, 10 Oct (RLS); 8, *Lake*, 11 Oct (SDB, BJS, AOS); 8, Montrose, 10 Oct (SDB). Reported in 35 counties.

Sedge Wren

MC: 17, Bartel LWR (Marion Co), 19 Aug (RM); 12, HennepinL, 1 Aug (DFS); 10, GLPSP, 3 Aug (RJs). **LD**: 25 Oct, LincolnPk (JIN); 22, Oct, CarpenterPk, Sang (HDB); 22 Oct (2), Marion (RFS). **Others**: SpringL, 9 Aug (PF). Reported in 44 counties.

Marsh Wren

MC: 12, WhalonL, 8 Aug (SF); 12, DYNL, 2 Aug (PAM). **LD**: 10 Nov, Fermi (PAM); 8 Nov, ArcolaM (TDF). Reported in 28 counties.

Carolina Wren

MC: 16, CarlL-C, 24 Aug (DMK:ph); 9, Chau, 3 Sep (DKl, LY). Reported in 71 counties.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

MC: 30, CarlL-C, 24 Aug (DMK); 18, Elsens Hill, 12 Aug (PAM). **LD**: 19 Nov, Carlyle Sewage Ponds (Clinton Co) (MSS). Reported in 61 counties.

Varied Thrush in garage. Champaign. Champaign County. 21 October 2014. Photo by Patty Dickerson.

(DMK). **LD**: 7 Nov, Iris Pk (Peoria Co) (EC); 20 Oct, Washington Pk, Chi (JLe, ASA). Reported in 23 counties.

American Robin

MC: 1457, North Shore Channel (Cook Co), 9 Nov (RJD); 1200, IBSP-N, 17 Oct (PWS); 921, River Forest (Cook Co), 18 Sep (JSA, DJA); 725, MeadbrkPk, 3 Sep (PB); 600, *Morgan*, 10 Oct (CDn). Reported in 90 counties.

Varied Thrush

Oak Ridge Cem, Spfld, 26 Oct (HDB). Seventh Sangamon Co record.; Champaign (found in residential garage), 21 Oct (PD:ph).

Gray Catbird

MC: 37, LTFP, 23 Sep (KJM); 34, RockCut, 14 Sep (JCL); 34, Elsens Hill, 12 Aug (PAM); 25, BuseyWds, 21 Sep (TWf); 23, Sang, 16 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 28 Nov, JP (PRC). Reported in 70 counties.

Brown Thrasher

MC: 8, RockCut, 16-17 Sep (JCL); 6, Chau, 30 Aug (CDn); 5, Sang, 18 Sep (HDB); 5, L Mauvaise Terre (Morgan Co), 6 Sep (CDn). **LD**: 30 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK); 24 Nov, Pra Restoration Trl (Williamson Co) (JT). Reported in 51 counties.

Smith's Longspur. Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve. Lake County. 21 September 2014. Photo by Fran Morel.

Smith's Longspur. Posey. Clinton County. 16 November 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 8, Fairview Heights (St. Clair Co), 24 Sep (MFn); 8, *Edwards,* 10 Aug (RES); 8, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 30 Oct (JGd). **Others**: IBSP-N, 31 Aug (PWS); Montrose, 11 Sep (RJD, LM, JMV); LCal, Deadstick Pond, Chi, 22 Nov (WJM, SBB). Reported in 43 counties.

European Starling

MC: 8000, Gar Creek Trl & Pra Restoration (Kankakee Co), 21 Sep (JBH); 6800, SanchrisL SP (Christian Co), 16 Oct (CAT); 5000, LCal, 27 Nov (WJM); 1823, JP, 11 Nov (PRC). Reported in 96 counties.

Cedar Waxwing

MC: 4265, FSHW, 30 Aug (MF,AWS); 2394, IBHW, 30 Aug (PWS); 537, TCauseRA, 2 Oct (KJM), 360, KankakeePks, 30 Sep (JBH). Reported in 78 counties.

House Sparrow

MC: 600, Breese (Clinton Co), 31 Aug (DMK); 400, CarlL-C, 19 Oct (DMK); 325, *Cook*, 15 Sep (DKA). Reported in 89 counties.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 160, Chau, 19 Aug (EC); 55, TwoRivers, 25 Nov (BSf); 54, *Mercer*, 9 Oct (KJM); 48, PLNWR, 9 Oct (KJM); 31, *Whiteside*, 29 Aug (DHh). **Others**: Shannon (Carroll Co), 30 Oct (SAm); Oneida (Knox Co), 15 Aug (NG); GreenR, 2 Aug (DTW); *Putnam* (5), 26 Oct (JAS, m.ob.); Bluffs (Scott Co) (3) (NG). Reported in 29 counties.

American Pipit

EA: 15 Sep, Montrose (SBB). **MC**: 65, Secor (Woodford Co), 9 Nov (MJW); 50, Gridley WTF (McLean Co), 21 Oct (WH); 33, GVHW, 10 Oct (DKl). Reported in 29 counties.

House Finch

MC: 140, Queen of Heaven Cem, Hillside (Cook Co), 28 Sep (DFS); 130, MoormanSRA, 15 Oct (CWf); 80, Techny Basin CA, Glenview (Cook Co), 23 Oct (JPL); 75, Sang, 4 Oct & 16 Oct (CDn & HDB resp). Reported in 71 counties.

Purple Finch

EA: 5 Sep, Hanover (JoDaveiss Co) (DHh); 7 Sep, River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA, DJA); 28 Sep, CarlL-C (CLH); 9 Oct (2), BaileyWet (Wayne Co) (CLH); 12 Oct, Marsh Rd, Sang (HDB); 12 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 19, Evergreen Lk (McLean Co), 1 Nov (AW); 15, Sangamon River FP (Champaign Co), 25 Oct (WCR); 15, Grunwald Farms Family FP (Kane Co), 26 Oct (SAC); 15, Washington Twp (Carroll Co), 22 Nov (DHh). Reported in 45 counties.

Red Crossbill

EA: 8 Nov, ClintonL SRA--West Side Day Use & Boat Access (8) (NSr, PB, CWf). **Others**: SRSF (7), 22 Nov (CDn). All reports.

Common Redpoll

EA: 26 Oct, Montrose (GAW, AFS); 1 Nov (2), DuPage (DL); 8 Nov, IBSP-N (JLs, PWS); 11 Nov (3), ClintonL (WCR). **MC**: 30, *Menard*, 27 Nov (MMo); 7, MArb, 13 Nov (PAM); 7, LowdMil, 30 Nov (PAM). **Others**: *Winnebago* (2), 30 Nov (DTW); Chau, 22 Nov (CDn). Reported in 8 counties.

Pine Siskin

EA: 4 Sep, Lake Villa (Lake Co) (RAB); 16 Sep, Montrose (LGM); 9 Oct, Sang (HDB); 11 Oct, CarlL-C (6) (DMK); 28 Oct (6), *Lawrence* (CLH). **MC**: 225, IBSP-S, 1 Nov (SDB); 200, Ft Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 18 Oct (JPL); 72, River Forest (Cook Co), 28 Nov (JSA, DJA); 60, CarlL-C, 22 Oct (DMK); 36, South Shores Pk (Macon Co), 24 Nov (MT). **Others**: *Bureau* (12), 23 Oct (DEW); *Carroll* (3), 24 Oct (EB); *Henderson* (22), 9 Oct (KJM); BRSF (10), 9 Oct (KJM); *Christian*, 29 Oct (BLd). Good numbers of irruptive siskins reported in 51 counties.

American Goldfinch

MC: 1200, CarlL-C, 16 & 22-23 Nov (DMK); 140, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 125, RollinsSav, 28 Sep (SDB, SLD); 34, RockCut, 14 Sep (JCL); 34, Elsens Hill, 12 Aug (PAM). Reported in 91 counties.

Lapland Longspur

EA: 20 Sep, GVHW (JAS, m.ob.); 21 Sep, Montrose (MCD, SP, LBR). **MC**: 3000, Sadorus (Champaign Co), 18 Nov (TDF); 2000, CarlL-C, 22 & 28 Nov (DMK); 1500, *Coles*, 8 Nov (WH); 210, Sang 6 Nov (HDB). Reported in 29 counties.

Smith's Longspur

EA: 21 Sep, Fort Sheridan FP (DBJ, FRM:ph, ABB:ph, BJS, m.ob.). **MC**: 11, *Clinton,* 16 Nov (MSS, DMK;ph). **Others**: *Wayne* (5), 19 Nov (RES). All reports.

Snow Bunting

EA: 18 Oct, Ryan Field, Evanston (Cook Co) (JCs, MMC); 6 Nov, *Coles* (TDF). **MC**: 80, GVHW, 26 Nov (KDF, REF, NA); 67, Gridley WTP (McLean Co), 10 Nov (BMy); 65, 87th St. Steel Mills, Chi, 2 Nov (AG); 50, IBSP-N, 14 Nov (PWS). **Others**: *Clinton*, 19 Nov (MSS); *Richland*, 27 Nov (CLH). Reported in 23 counties.

Mourning Warbler.
Coles County. 9 September 2014.
Photo by Ron Bradley.

Ovenbird

EA: 23 Aug (2), SBBO (JCL); 25 Aug, Montrose (LGM); 30 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK); 31 Aug (2), CP, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 23, SBBO, 6 Sep (JCL); 15, Montrose, 15 Sep (BWr). **LD**: 28 Oct, Chi (ASA). Reported in 39 counties.

Worm-eating Warbler

LD: 27 Sep, Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 16 Sep, Watershed NC, Edwardsville (Madison Co) (NW). Barely detected.

Louisiana Waterthrush

EA: 25 Jul, Montrose (SBB); North Pk Village, Chic, 20 Aug (AT). **LD**: 6 Sep, MissPalis (KJM). **Others**: PineHills, 4-5 Aug (JT); Giant City SP (Union Co), 3 Aug (JT). Barely detected. Reported in 4 counties; most other mid-July records away from the Chicago lakefront cannot be differentiated from breeding birds.

Northern Waterthrush

EA: 1 Aug, Montrose (MCD); 18 Aug, RSPk (HDB). **MC**: 9, LLCC, 6 Sep (JM); 8, Jarvis, 26 Aug (LGM). **LD**: 18 Nov, Sherman Pk, Chi (AAn). Reported in 29 counties.

Golden-winged Warbler

EA: 28 Aug, LincGrdns (HDB). **MC**: 11, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 8, Sang, 3 Sep (HDB); 8, CrystalL, 11 Sep (CWf); 7, JubileeC, 11 Sep (MHB). **LD**: 29 Sep, Jarvis (LGM); 25 Sep, LincGrdns (HDB). **Others**: Brewster's backcross (ad) with ♂, River Forest (Cook Co), 2 Sep (JSA). Reported in 39 counties. Noted with increasing frequency.

Blue-winged Warbler

EA: 10 Aug, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (TMcy); 27 Aug, RSPk (HDB). **MC**: 5, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 5, Sang, 2 & 3 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 28 Sep, No Name Pk (Madison Co) (BSf); 27 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK). Reported in 23 counties.

Black-and-white Warbler

EA: 11 Aug, Elsens Hill, (PAM); 13 Aug, LincPk-NoP (GAW); 15 Aug, Riverbend (CWf); 21 Aug, LincGrdns (HDB). **MC**: 16, CarlL-C, 20 Sep (DMK); 15, Sang, 2 Sep (HDB); 12, BuseyWds, 21 Sep (CWf); 11, LTFP, 23 Sep (KJM); 11, JP, 16 Sep (RLS); 11, EwingP, 31 Aug (MJW). **LD**: 28 Oct, Iris Pk (Peoria Co) (EC); 25 Oct, CarlL-C (KAM). Reported in 60 counties.

Prothonotary Warbler

MC: 6, CarlL-F, 21 Aug (MSS). **LD**: 16 Sep, LLCC (VMK). Reported in 14 counties.

Tennessee Warbler

EA: 30 Jul, CBG (DAn); 31 Jul, JP (PRC); 31 Jul, Jarvis (LMG). **MC**: 120, CarlL-C. 27 Sep (DMK:ph); 61, LLCC, 27 Sep (VMK, JMq), 57, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM). **LD**: 28 Oct, Jarvis (ASA); 28 Oct, Carlyle Sewage Ponds (Clinton Co) (MSS); 26 Oct, Oak Ridge, Sang (2) (HDB). Reported in 60 counties.

Orange-crowned Warbler

EA: 14 Sep, Montrose (AFS); 24 Sep, Center Pk, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 18, PLNWR, 9 Oct KJM); 12, Douglas Pk, Chi, 16 Oct (EDG); 12, CarlL-C, 12 Oct (DMK); 9, Montrose, 16 Oct, (ASA); 8, SongbirdSl, 11 Oct (ABA). **LD**: 29 Nov, Oxbow Pra, Bunker Hill FP, Chi (TBL); 1 Nov, Weldon Springs SP (DeWitt Co) (EWr). Reported in 43 counites.

Nashville Warbler

EA: 7 Aug, Montrose (MCD); 7 Aug, Jarvis (LGM); 1 Sep, Rochester Sewage Pond, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 18, Elsens Hill, 23 Sep (LY); 14, Montrose, 12 Sep (EK); 10, Sang, 17 & 28 Sep (HDB); 10, CarlL-C, 20 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 9 Nov, Weaver Pk, Urbana (NSy); 5 Nov, LincPk-NP (GAW, JIN, TWf). Reported in 53 counties.

Connecticut Warbler

EA: 30 Aug, Montrose (DKA, JCs). **MC**: 2, IBSP-N, 20 Sep (EE); 2, Montrose, 9, 15 & 20 Sep (JRRS, LJK, ASA, GAW); 2, JP, 23 Sep (PRC). **LD**: 29 Sep, LincPk-NoP (ASA). **Others**: SBBO, 6 Sep (JCL); SRSF, 17 Sep (SZ); EwingP, 18 Sep (SAu); Cinder Flats, LSpfld, 6 Sep (HDB). Reported in 10 counties.

Mourning Warbler

EA: 18 Aug, JP (PRC); 27 Aug, RSPk (imm), Sang (HDB); 30 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 3, LincPk-NoP, 27 Aug (GAW). **LD**: 11 Oct, Ryerson (BJS); 1 Oct, *Boone* (LH). **Others**: Ballard NC (Effingham Co), 19 Sep (GHy); *Edwards*, 3 Sep (RES); Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co), 31 Aug (CLH). Reported in 18 counties.

Kentucky Warbler

EA: 31 Aug, CP, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 2, PineHills, 11 Aug (JT). **LD**: 15 Sep, CarlL-F (MSS); 3 Sep, RSPk (HDB). Reported in 5 counties.

Common Yellowthroat

MC: 37, HennepinL, 1 Aug (DFS); 34, MeadbrkPk, 1 Aug (WCR); 18, McHenry D (McHenry Co), 2 Aug (KML, SI); 16, CarlL-C, 31 Aug (DMK); 14, Sang, 14 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 23 Nov, MoormanSRA (NSy); 14 Nov, Willowbrook Wildlife Center (DuPage Co) (GP). Reported in 70 counties.

Hooded Warbler

MC: 2, LowdMil, 31 Aug (DHh). **LD**: 19 Sep, EwingP (JP). **Others**: RSPk, Sang, 3 Sep (HDB). Reported in 7 counties.

American Redstart

EA: 10 Aug, Montrose (AGi); 16 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK:ph); 27 Aug (6), Sang (HDB). **MC**: 120, CarlL-C, 20 Sep (DMK); 43, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 32, Sang, 16 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 13 Nov, JP (imm/♀) (PRC) record late date for JP. Reported in 61 counties.

Cape May Warbler

EA: 14 Aug, Jarvis (LGM:ph). **MC**: 12, CalPk, Chi, 21 Sep (WJM); 10, Carpentersville D, Fox R, 20 Sep (Kane Co) (PRi). **LD**: 15 Nov, NPM (AFS, BSk). **Others**: CarlL-C, 6 Sep (DMK;ph); Watershed NC, Edwardsville (Madison Co), 6 Sep (GHy). Reported in 24 counties.

Cerulean Warbler
EA: 1 Aug, *Rock Island* (DHh). **LD**: 14 Sep, LincGrdns (HDB). **Others**: Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co), 24 Aug & 5 Sep (CLH). Barely detected.

Northern Parula
EA: 6 Sep, Jarvis (LGM); 9 Sep, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 12, CarlL-C, 20, 27-28 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 24 Oct, *Vermilion* (E &DZ); 11 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK); 19 Oct, BuseyWds (MSr, NS); 17 Oct, CenterPk, Sang (HDB). Reported in 42 counties.

Magnolia Warbler
EA: 14 Aug, Elsens Hill (PAM); 28 Aug (imm), LincGrdns (HDB). **MC**: 41, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 40, CarlL-C, 20 Sep (DMK); 25, LLCC, 16 Sep (JMq). **LD**: 25 Oct, LLABB, Sang (DWs); 12 Oct, CarlL-C(2) (DMK). Reported in 55 counties.

Bay-breasted Warbler
EA: 30 Aug, Montrose (MMC); 5 Sep, RSPk (HDB); 13 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). **MC**: 14, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 11, Montrose, 20 Sep (GAW). **LD**: 10 Oct, LUREC (SMn); 10 Oct, Oak Ridge, Sang (HDB); 9 Oct, EwingP (MJW). Reported in 37 counties.

Blackburnian Warbler
EA: 2 Aug, JP (RLS); 14 Aug, Churchill Woods FP (DuPage Co) (2) (MP); 15 Aug, Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH). **MC**: 11, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 8, CarlL-C, 20 Sep (DMK); 6, Baker Pr (Kendall Co), 31 Aug (DFS); 6, LincGrdns, 20 Sep (RSt). **LD**: 5 Oct, Richard Young FP & Lyon FP (Kendall Co) (JV); 5 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK:ph); 2 Oct, LincGrdns (HDB). Reported in 41 counties.

Yellow Warbler
MC: 11, Montrose, 4 Aug (MCD); 6, CarlL-C, 9 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 27 Sep, Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB); 26 Sep, CarlL-C (KAM). Reported in 27 counties.

Chestnut-sided Warbler
EA: 14 Aug, BigBend (MDd); 14 Aug, Elsens Hill (2) (PAM); 19 Aug, Jarvis (LGM); 30 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). **MC**: 25, CrystalL (CWf); 21, LTFP, 23 Sep (KJM); 17, CarlL-F (MSS). **LD**: 18 Oct, LincPk-NoP (SJH); 15 Oct, NPt, Sang (HDB); 12 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK). Reported in 50 counties.

Blackpoll Warbler
EA: 21 Aug, Douglas Pk, Chi (EDG); 6 Sep, NPt, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 49, Montrose, 25 Sep (LGM, FRM); 42, GrantPk--Museum Campus, 23 Sep (DFS); 31, BurnhamPk-BNS, 18 Sep (DFS); 30, JP, 26 Sep (RLS). **LD**: 28 Oct, NU Lakefill, Evanston (JAt); 28 Oct, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (JRRS). **Others**: MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); LTFP(2), 23 Sep (KJM); HLCA, 28 Sep (TWf). Reported in 38 counties. Impressive numbers along Chi lakefront in Sep.

Black-throated Blue Warbler
EA: 26 Aug, Elsens Hill (♀) (PAM); 17 Sep, LincGrdns (♂) (HDB). **MC**: 4, Montrose, 23 Sep (FRM). **LD**: 21 Oct, Trump Tower, Chi (♀) (ASA). **Others**: Harper's Wds (Stark Co), 16 Sep (MHB); Minonk (Woodford Co), 13 Sep (TH); JubileeC, 18 Sep (EC:ph); EwingP (♂), 7 Sep (SAu); CarlL-C (♂), 11 Oct (DMK:ph). Reported in 17 counties.

Palm Warbler
EA: 31 Aug, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co) (PLr). **MC**: 100, 87th St. Steel Mills, 4 Oct (AG); 80, MlrMdw, 5 Oct (LR, LHs). **LD**: 3 Nov, GrantPk--Museum Campus (VD); 25 Oct, Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB). Reported in 51 counties.

Pine Warbler
EA: 23 Aug, BRSF (DHh); 26 Aug, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co) (PAM); 27 Aug, GrantPk (EGl). **MC**: 3, Queen of Heaven Cem, Hillside (Cook Co), 28 Sep (DFS); 3, Hoopeston (Vermilion Co), 31 Aug (JEh). **LD**: 14 Nov, Riverbend (CWf). **Others**: ClintonL, 3 Oct (MEF); KankakeePks, 8 Oct (JBH); Minonk (Woodford Co), 28 Sep (TH). Reported in 25 counties.

Yellow-rumped Warbler
EA: 2 Sep, LincPk-NoP (AT); 17 Sep (2), LincGrdns (HDB). **MC**: 200, *Lake*, 11 Oct (SDB, BJS, AOS); 180, CarlL-C, 11 Oct (DMK); 94, TCauseRA, 2 Oct (KJM); 80, GrantPk – Museum Campus, 9 Oct (DEW). Reported in 66 counties.

Yellow-throated Warbler
MC: 3, Kidd - Conner via Kaskaskia-Stringtown (Monroe Co), 24 Sep (C&PD). **LD**: 3 Oct, PineHills (AWr). Reported in 15 counties.

Yellow-throated Warbler. Eldon Hazlet State Park. Clinton County. 21 September 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Prairie Warbler
EA: 10 Aug, Jarvis (LGM:ph, RDH, m.ob.) & 12 Aug, Montrose (ad ♀) (ASA) possibly the same individual as the Jarvis bird. **MC**: 2, *Putnam*, 1 Aug (DFS). **LD**: 13 Sep, *Monroe* (C&PD). **Others**: Florid Rd (Putnam Co), 2 Aug (DFS); KOA Campground, Granite City (Madison Co), 13 Aug (NSn); Petersburg (Menard Co), 6 Sep (MMo). All reports in 5 counties.

Black-throated Green Warbler
EA: 10 Aug, Jarvis (ASA, MCD); 15 Aug, CarlL-C (KAM). **MC**: 40, CarlL-C, 20 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 27 Oct, Minonk (Woodford Co) (TH); 25 Oct, Oak Ridge Cem, Spfld (LWd); 19 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). Reported in 54 counties.

Canada Warbler
EA: 15 Aug, Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 16 Aug, BraidwoodL (JBH); 16 Aug, HomerL (NSy:ph, CWf); 16 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK:ph); 18 Aug, WPk, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 8, Sang, 2 Sep (HDB); 4, BuseyWds, 27 Aug (NSy, CWf). **LD**: 28 Sep, CP, Sang (HDB); 25 Sep, Chi (ASA). Reported in 27 counties.

Wilson's Warbler
EA: 17 Aug, Sangamon River FP (Champaign Co) (NSy, CWf); 18 Aug, Montrose (MCD). **MC**: 10, CarlL-C, 20 Sep (DMK); 7, JP, 13 Sep (RLS). **LD**: 17 Oct, Angler's Pond, Bloom (PA); 15 Oct, GrantPk – Museum Campus (DEW). Reported in 33 counties.

Yellow-breasted Chat
EA: 31 Aug, Fermi (SF). **MC**: 3, *Monroe*, 13 Aug (C&PD). **LD**: 19 Sep, AWS, Sang (MHB); 13 Sep, Montrose (BJ). Reported in 10 counties.

Eastern Towhee
MC: 13, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 11, CarlL-C, 15 & 24 Sep (KAM, MSS); 10, BraidwoodL, 16 Aug (JBH). **LD**: 30 Nov, LowdMil (PAM); 30 Nov, CarlL-C (2) (DMK, MSS); 2 Nov, LincGrdns, Sang (HDB). Reported in 68 counties.

Cassin's Sparrow specimen. Field Museum of Natural History. Chicago. Cook County. Collected 18 September 2014. Photo by Joshua Engel.

CASSIN'S SPARROW

Chi (imm ♂), 8 Sep (MLe, **FMNH 495668, JIE*). Third Illinois record and first fall record.

American Tree Sparrow

EA: 7 Oct (8), PaulDouglas (SSc); 28 Oct, Sang (HDB); 15 Nov (2), CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 245, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS); 120, McHenry D (McHenry Co), 8 Nov (KML, SI). Reported in 50 counties.

Chipping Sparrow

MC: 98, Sang, 10 Oct (HDB); 71, *Carroll*, 6 Sep (KJM); 48, JublileeC, 12 Sep (MHB); 46, SBBO, 27 Sep (JCL); 45, Scott AFB (St. Clair Co) (GHy); 41, Queen of Heaven Cem, Hillside (Cook Co), 28 Sep (DFS); 40, Mt. Auburn Cem (Bond Co), 1 Sep (MSg). **LD**: 27 Nov, *Kane* (DSi); 26 Nov, *Kendall, Champaign, Iroquois* (JV, NSy, ESe). Reported in 75 counties.

Clay-colored Sparrow

EA: 9 Aug, SBBO (JCL); 14 Aug, GrantPk (DBJ). **MC**: 2, Prairie Green FP (Kane Co), 28 Sep (TB, m.ob.); 2, A. Montgomery Ward Pk, Chi, 20 Sep (SE). **LD**: 1 Nov, West DuPage Woods (LY). **Others**: CinderFlats, LSpfld, 11 Oct (HDB); *Edwards*, 11 Oct (RES). Reported in 12 counties.

Field Sparrow

MC: 34, Bluff Spring Fen NP (Cook Co), 18 Oct (MMg); 23, UMRNWR--LostMound, 22 Aug (PB). **LD**: 30 Nov, Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (JV); 30 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK). Reported in 65 counties.

Vesper Sparrow

MC: 11, *Douglas*, 14 Oct (TDF); 9, *Coles*, 10 Oct (TDF); 6, Minonk (Woodford Co), 7 Oct (TH); 6, Sang, 8 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 21 Nov, *Coles* (ASA, JLe). Reported in 37 counties.

Lark Sparrow

EA: 13 Sep, Minonk (Woodford Co) (TH). **MC**: 20, LostMound, 9 Aug (DTW). **LD**: 4 Oct, LincPk-NoP (JIN). Reported in 9 counties.

Lark Bunting. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 17 October 2014. Photo by Michal Skakuj.

Nelsons Sparrow. Weaver Park, Urbana. Champaign County. 5 October 2014. Photo by Cole Wolf.

LARK BUNTING

Montrose, 17 Oct (JAa:ph, JWL* m.ob.:ph). The 30th record for Illinois and 11th fall record.

Savannah Sparrow

EA: 27 Sep, Centennial Pk, Sang (HDB); 27 Sep, CarlL-C (6) (DMK). **MC**: 38, Prairie Green FP (Kane Co), 14 Oct (SF); 30, CarlL-C, 12 Oct (DMK). **LD**: 30 Nov, Montrose (GAW); 30 Nov, 87th St. Steel Mills, Chi (AGl); 30 Nov, RendL-F (JGd). Reported in 39 counties.

Grasshopper Sparrow

MC: 7, Midewin, 12 Aug (PB). **LD**: 27 Oct (2), PrRdg-J (CLH); 26 Oct, *Lawrence* (CLH); 19 Oct, PrRdg-J (CLH); 11 Oct, Weaver Pk, Urbana (PB). **Others**: HennepinL, 1 Aug (DFS); *Scott* (2), 15 Aug (NG). Reported in 22 counties.

Henslow's Sparrow

MC: 17, Midewin, 10 Aug (SCn); 12, GLPSNA, 3 Aug, (RJs); 12, *Jasper*, 9 Sep (RES). **LD**: 24 Oct, SBBO (JCL); 23 Oct, Schroeder Nature Sanctuary (McLean Co) (PA); 20 Oct, *Marion* (RES). **Others**: *Jasper* (9), 9 Sep (RES); *Wayne* (3), 9 Aug (MSS, RES). Reported in 20 counties.

Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 24 Sep, Montrose (BD, GSc); 27 Sep, CarlL-C (KAM, DTW, m.ob.). **MC**: 5, *Marion*, 20 Oct (RES); 4, BigL (Brown Co), 26 Oct (CDn). **LD**: 7 Nov (2), BigL (Brown Co) (CDn); 7 Nov, *Coles* (TWf). **Others**: PrRdg-J (2), 2 Oct (CLH, RES). Reported in 14 counties.

Nelson's Sparrow

EA: 7 Sep (2), RollinsSav (BJS, AOS); 24 Sep, Sangchris, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 12, RollinsSav, 28 Sep (SDB). **LD**: 25 Oct, CarlL-C (KAM); *Lake* (7), 12 Oct (SDB, BJS, AOS). **Others**: PrRdg-M, 8 Oct (CLH, RES). Reported in 13 counties.

Fox Sparrow

EA: 19 Sep, A. Montgomery Ward Pk, Chi (SE); 10 Oct, Rochester SP, Sang (HDB); 12 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 25, West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co), 1 Nov (LY). Reported in 44 counties.

Song Sparrow

EA: 8 Oct, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 32, Prairie Green FP (Kane Co), 14 Oct (SF); 30, MeadbrkPk, 19 Oct (PB). Reported in 84 counties.

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 3 Sep, Montrose (TWf); 6 Sep (2), Double T State FWA (Fulton Co) (MHB); 13 Sep, Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB); 27 Sep, CarlL-C (PAM). **MC**: 15, GrantPk-- Museum Campus, Chi, 9 Oct (DEW). **LD**: 30 Nov, MoormanSRU (NSr, MSr). Reported in 44 counties.

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 29 Aug, Montrose (MCD). 23 Sep, CP, Sang (HDB); 26 Sep (2), CarlL-C (TWf). **MC**: 72, PLNWR, 9 Oct (KJM); 70, Rock Island Trl -- Kickapoo Creek Campground (Peoria Co), 16 Oct (EC); 59, Rainbow B, Chi, 12 Oct (GAW). Reported in 66 counties.

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 8 Sep, Montrose (JRRS, LGM, LJK); 13 Sep, CarlL-C (CDn); 22 Sep LincGrdns, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 349, Montrose & Jarvis, 10 Oct (SDB); 320, JP, 10 Oct (RLS); 250, *Lake*, 11 Oct (SDB, BJS, AOS); 156, PLNWR, 9 Oct (KJM); 155, Chau, 11 Oct (CDn). Reported in 75 counties.

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 7 Oct, LincPk-NoP (JIN). **LD**: 21 Oct, Lurie Grdn, Millennium Pk, Chi (DBJ, LE, TWf, DKl:ph, LR:ph). **Others**: Montrose, 30 Sep (AMR).

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 31 Aug (ad), Jarvis (LM); 24 Sep, *Menard* (MMo). **MC**: 95, 87th St. Steel Mills (Cook Co), 25 Oct (AG); 80, MoormanSRU, 18 Oct (CWf); 60, *Lake*, 11 Oct (SDB, BJS, AOS); 55, Chau, 11 Oct (CDn); 33, Sang, 12 Oct (HDB); 20, CarlL-C, 12 Oct (DMK). Reported in 61 counties.

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 11 Sep, Oak Park, Chi Skokie Lagoons (KTe); 2 Oct, Quincy (Adams Co) (AMR). **MC**: 300, CarlL-C, 23 Nov (DMK); 180, TheGrove, 26 Oct (JPL); 170, *Carroll*, 10 Nov (KJM); 94, Sang, 25 Nov (HDB). Reported late in central and southern regions. Reported in 82 counties.

Summer Tanager

MC: 7, *Monroe*, 22 Sep (C&PD); 6, CarlL-C, 13 Sep (JWE, PL). **LD**: 11 Oct, SpgBlf Fen, (Cook Co) (WL); 10 Oct (2), Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 9 Oct, Union Hill (Jackson Co) (JT). Reported in 33 counties.

Scarlet Tanager

MC: 5, CarlL-C, 6 Sep (KAM); 4, SBBO, 13 Sep (JCL). **LD**: 13-15 Nov, MArb (BGm:ph, PAM:ph, APe:ph, m.ob.); 9 Oct, Jarvis (KGM); 9 Oct, Gunnar Anderson FP (Kane Co) (BL). Reported in 36 counties.

Harris's Sparrow.
Lurie Gardens. Chicago.
Cook County. 16 October 2014.
Photo by Lisa Rest.

Harris's Sparrow.
Illinois Beach State Park.
Lake County. 8 October 2014.
Photo by Karen Lund.

Northern Cardinal

MC: 55, *Carroll*, 19 Nov (KJM); 40, CarlL-C, 24 Aug, 7 & 21 Sep, 16 & 26 Nov (DMK); 32, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS). Reported in 92 counties.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

MC: 42, CarlL-F, 25 Sep (MSS); 22, MissPalis, 6 Sep (KJM); 22, Sang, 21 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 27 Oct, Mayslake FP (DuPage Co) (LP); 15 Oct, WPk (HDB). Reported in 57 counties.

Blue Grosbeak

MC: 6, CarlL-C, 24 & 31 Aug (DMK:ph); 5, *Edwards*, 30 Aug (RES). **LD**: 29 Sep, Sante Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co) (MSS); 28 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK:ph); 26 Sep (2), Sang (HDB). **Others**: SpringL, 2-15 Aug (MHB, DHr, PF). Reported in 40 counties.

Scarlet Tanager.
Morton Arboretum.
DuPage County.
13 November 2014.
Photo by Pete Moxon.

Indigo Bunting
MC: 75, CarlL-F, 28 Sep (MSS); 40, CarlL-C, 13 Sep (JWE); 23, BannerM (Peoria Co), 1 Oct (EC); 23, Riverbend, 3 Oct (CWf). **LD**: 25 Oct, BurnhamPk--BNS (DFS); 17 Oct (2), Rochester Sewage Pond, Sang (HDB); 20 Oct, Chautauqua Bottoms NP, C'dale (2) (JT); 19 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK). Reported in 84 counties.

Dickcissel
MC: 75, CarlL-F, 28 Sep (MSS). **LD**: 17 Oct, Cook (JAa); 4 Oct, *Richland* (CLH). Reported in 55 counties.

Bobolink
EA: 15 Aug, BaileyWet (Wayne Co) (CLH). **MC**: 98, Burlington Pra FP (Kane Co), 17 Aug (WL); 80, MomenceSod, 6 Sep (JBH); 68, Double T SFWA (Fulton Co), 16 Aug (MHB). **LD**: 28 Oct, IBSP-N (JPL, JLs). Reported in 30 counties.

Red-winged Blackbird
MC: 12,422, SangchrisL SP (Christian Co), 16 Oct (CAT); 7500, UMRNWR, 10 Oct (EB). Reported in 91 counties.

Eastern Meadowlark
MC: 45, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 5 Oct (PLr). **LD**: 30 Nov, Sante Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co) (14) (MSS); 13 Nov, Sang (3) (HDB). Reported in 65 counties.

Western Meadowlark
MC: 15, *Henderson*, 9 Oct (KJM); 4, H & E Sod Farms (McHenry Co), 5 Aug (AWS). **LD**: 28 Nov (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 18 Oct (2), Manlius (Bureau Co) (DHh). **Others**: Rockford Apt, 1-20 Aug (JCL, DTW); Hire (McDonough Co), 23 Aug (DHh). Reported in 12 counties.

Yellow-headed Blackbird
MC: 4, *McHenry*, 13 Aug (PV). **LD**: 24 Oct, Oppold Marina, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (DHh). **Others**: Pingree Grove WTP M (Kane Co), 16 Aug (MMr); HennepinL, 2 Aug (DTW). Only four reports--increasingly scarce.

Rusty Blackbird
EA: 21 Oct, Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB); 15 Nov (6), CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 300, Sante Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co), 19 Nov (MSS); 140, *Williamson*, 29 Nov (JGd); 115, HennepinL, 1 Nov (DFS). Reported in 42 counties.

Brewer's Blackbird
EA: Berry (Sangamon Co) (10) , 23 Oct (HDB). **MC**: 40, *Kendall*, 22 Aug (ASA); 24, CarlL-C, 8 Nov (DMK); 20, *Marion*, 27 Oct (RES, CLH). Reported in 19 counties.

Common Grackle
MC: 100,000, Peabody, 22 Nov (WCR, DMa & MAMj); 52,000, SangchrisL SP (Christian Co), 16 Oct (CAT), 6800, Columbus Rest Area (Grundy Co), 1 Nov (DFS). Reported in 76 counties.

Brown-headed Cowbird
MC: 4000, CarlL-C, 4 & 26 Oct (DMK); 2400, SangchrisL SP (Christian Co), 16 Oct (CAT); 1500, 675E CR (Douglas Co), 22 Oct (TDF), 1000, Lowden-Nashua Rds (Ogle Co), 29 Nov (DTW). Reported in 68 counties.

Orchard Oriole
MC: 10, KankakeePks, 2 Aug (JBH); 8, Midewin (SCn). **LD**: 13 Sep, Sangamon River FP (Champaign Co) (PB, NSy, CWf); 13 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK). Reported in 24 counties.

Bullock's Oriole. Metropolis. Massac County. 21 November 2014. Photo by John Schwegman.

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE
East of Joppa (Massac Co), 21 Nov (JES:ph).

Baltimore Oriole
MC: 26, JP, 20 Aug (PRC); 11, BuseyWds, 27 Aug (CWf); 11, CarlL-C, 6 Aug (KAM). **LD**: 25 Sep, JJDuer FP, (JJD). Reported in 49 counties.

Exotic Species:

European Goldfinch
MC: 4, Lake Carina FP (Lake Co), 9 Sep (NHl). **Others**: Wauk (1-3 incl yg), 17 Aug- 1 Sep (NT, AFS, BD); MAC-C-102 (Lake Co), 31 Aug (GLH).

ERRATA:
Yellow-breasted Chat: **EA**: should have read 6 Aug (2013), Jarvis (LGM).

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